nat Australia can ang

al competitions a

on Murdoch's lea

Ross Minnard M

Sources, infor

armatively, plus

may Hag last se

vill be aiming to?

ր m.nk

IUM.

How mier

Mir which

KER & HALL

okiemite. Mi Ciolifamille

I & Supe. freiter & ved par

1.220"33

sein Cielchemale.

E. Walter & the

green III

on the cards.

ou:

Cat lei.:

"IL'

...

·•(•

125

MILE

Clare's baby, and her happy ending

Exclusive: Suzanne Moore reveals Labour MP's 31 year secret



logether at last: Clare Short and Toby Graham in Victoria Gardens, Lo

Clare Short, shadow Minister for Overseas Development, has been reunited with the son she had not seen since she handed him over for adoption six weeks

after his birth. Ms Short, who was a 19-year-old stu-dent in Birmingham when they parted, met him only four weeks ago. Toby Gra-ham is now 31, and married with two

During an interview with The Indendeur, she sat with her arm round the handsome man in blue pinstripe. They are obviously besotted with each other,

even though they only met a month ago.
"I found out I was pregnant just after my eighteenth birthday. My first thought was my parents - you know I come formal Catholic family. It was different times back then. Everyone was more innocent."

Tony Blair, the Labour leader, who has spoken frequently about the im-portance of family ties said last night he was thrilled for Ms Short and wished her

the best of happiness. Clare married the child's father and contrated a private adoption agency. I just thought I would never go back to university, that it would be terrible all round, terrible for the baby, there would be no money, so what I was doing was best for everybody. When they came to take him it was terrible. It's been

terrible ever since." Toby was adopted by John Graham,

the director of a public company and has ed and started searching for his natural parents about a year ago. "Officially I've been looking for about a year, but in my mind I always wanted to know and

always intended to do this. I suppose

ily." Clare added: "I tried to fill him in wife, and brought up in comfortably off on family instory, I said we had lots of conservative family. He went to board teachers, that we were into social reform, ing school, read law at the University a little left. I talked about his father's of East Anglia and is now a solicitor in
the City. He always knew he was adopted and started searching for his nature.

I had done. Then I explained there was ed and started searching for his nature. ly high-profile job and we don't want the press crawling around." He just thought I was being melodramatic."

Ms Short was married for seven

inside When shic answered the door we first soft of stared at each office for the minutes. Then we talked and when we have very emotional. I did cry but not with stare. Suzanne Moore talks to Clare Short and ger son, look about how they were reunited. Page 20

what triggered it was when I had a child. wanted to know what was in the genes." Clare had registered that she was available if he ever wanted to find her. When she was first contacted, she had

registered in another name: "I wanted to protect him from the shock of it being me". She wrote to him, imagining that they would exchange many letters House of Commons. When they even-

before they finally met.

years to Toby's father, Andy Moss. who has since remarried and still lives m Birmingham

Toby was desperate to meet up and even though he had heard his mother's voice on her answering machine, he didn't catch her surname or the mes saying that she could be contacted at the tually met at her house, he still did not hope the media will be sensitive in their Toby said: "It was a lovely letter say- know who she was. "She looked familing that hers was a large and loving famiar but I said: "What's this high profile

Photograph: Brian Harris

job you've got then? She said that she was an MP."

Toby's politics have always been Tory. As a student, he even stood as a Tory candidate, but even before he met his mother he was starting to become disillusioned with the Government. Before they met, he described himself to her as a one-nation Tory who was now looking at Blair. Toby may now be more in-terested in politics, but the priority remains for him to meet his huge family, and for Clare to meet her grand-

Toby says he now "feels much more complete as a person - I know who I am, were I come from, what my roots are". Ms Short holds out his hands. "Look," she beams, "He's definitely got my hands and feels like me inside. So why has she never talked about it before? "It wasn't a secret. It was a loss and pain in me. I wasn't hiding anything. it was just that this big thing at the cen-tre of my life was painful. Of course, now I feel fabulous - it isn't painful any more.

Here he is." Giving his reaction last night, Mr Blair said: "I am thrilled for Clare that she has met her son and that they have been able to form such a warm relationship ... Clare first told me of this situation some time ago after her son approached her ... I approach to the other people involved." Copyright: The Independent

The Tabloid Mick Jagger: movie and divorce page 2

The nation decides it is time to banish the gun culture

The Government was split and facing the threat of an embarrassing Commons defeat last night after refusing to bow to Labour and backbench Tory demands for a total ban on hand-

Michael Howard, the Home Sepretary, announced to a solemn House of Commons that all high-calibre and semiautomatic handgurs are to be halmed from private homes and gun clubs in the wake of the Dunhlane massacre in which 17 people lost their lives.

His announcement was intended to defuse a potentially damaging row for the Govern-ment in the run-up to the election. But with John Major sitting by Mr Howard's side, the Home Secretary faced crossire from Tory MPs who said he had gone too far and others - led by David Mellor, the former Home Office minister - who protested he had not gone far

The Government rejected an appeal by Mr Mellor for a free vote on a total ban. Labour was last night threatening to form a united front with the minor parties, including the Scottish National Party, to defeat the Government on the Guns Bill, in order to impose a total ban on handguns, including all .22 weapons. But the Liberal Democrats could help the Government avoid defeat. "We support the Government. We want something that is workable, not populist," said a par-

Tory Party sources hit back at Labour last night, accusing Tony Blair of "playing party politics" with the aftermath of the Dunblane killings.

The Prime Minister had hoped to secure cross-party support after the Cabinet decided to go further than the Cullen report on the Dunblane killings. But Labour outflanked Mr Major and the Home Secretary by bardening its stance in response to the powerful swing of public opinion - led by the Dunhlane Snowdrop campaigners - behind a total ban.

Last night the campaigners reiterated their call for such a ban, Les Morton, whose daughter, Emily, was among the dead, said in a statement on behalf of all the families: "Any decision to continue to permit lawful pos-session of firearms implies a



willingness by this Government to tolerate gun crime. It also implies a willingness to tolerate another Hungerford or Dunblane.

"We have argued all along that this is an issue on which there must be no compromise. What we have before us is exactly that - a compromise. "A compromise that will re-

sult in future abuse of the system which will result in the deaths of more innocent people. A compromise which is not acceptable to us. Ann Pearston, an organiser of the Dunblane Snowdrop pe-

tition, said its members would now be contacting the Labour narty to carry on their campaign at the next election. At the other end of the argument, the firearms industry

ment, Brian Carter, a member of the British Shooting Sports Council and director of the Gun Trade Association, was astounded by the move. He said: "This will be disastrous. It will mean 500-600

was shocked by the announce-

small businesses will close and a minimum of 1,000 jobs will be The Home Office said own-



ers of the 160,000 handguns that are to be banned will be allowed to sell them overseas, via dealers. About £24m has been allotted to pay compensation for the remaining guns that are handed into police stations for destruction.

New legislation will be contained in the Queen's Speech next Wednesday and Royal Assent is expected before Christmas. Anyone caught in possession of the outlawed higher-calibre handguns will be liable for a jail sentence of up to 10 years. A similar penalty will apply to people who keep the permitted small calibre handguns outside gun clubs.

Dashing the Government's hopes that yesterday's announcement would end political controversy over the issue. right-wing libertarian Tory MPs last night threatened rebellion against Mr Major, who they attacked for following public

Edward Leigh, a long-term critic of John Major's leadership, led the attack from the right, telling Mr Howard it was worrying" that the Government was banning law-abiding people from carrying out their sport, John Carlisle, another right-wing dissident, told the Home Secretary his proposed changes were "wrong" and would be received with "great dismay".

Ministerial sources also privately told The Independent that the Cabinet had capitulated to public opinion. One minister said it was a "knee-jerk" response to the political pressure for action in the run-up to the general election. Ministerial colleagues said Michael Forsyth, the Secretary of State for Scotland, was also keen to take action because it would help him to hold on to his Stirling constituency, which includes Dunblanc.

Mr Forsyth argued within Government that the public would not stand for anything less than a ban on the heavy calibre weapons Hamilton had

Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, warned that Parliament had failed the country by not taking tougher action after the Hungerford killings with semi-automatic rifles. "We owe it to the victims of both Hungerford and Dunblane not to fail again."

Leading article, page 19 Cullen report, page 4 &5

QUICKLY

Russian plot claim The power struggle in Russia deepened with Alexander Lebed accused of plotting a

£3m pay-off row A political row followed compensation of £3m to the former ooss of BET

Willetts inquiry MPS agreed to investigate the conduct of former whip David Willetts during the Hamilton

CONTENTS

Page 2

'slease" inquiry.

۱		
п	The Broadsheet	_
l	Business & City 22	
ı	Comment 19	
ı	Foreign News 13	
ı	Gazette	
Į	Home News	
I	Law report	
ı	Leading articles	
ı	Letters	.19
ı	Shares	25
l		
I	Obituaries	
I	Unit trusts	26
Į	The Tabloid	
E	Arts8-	11
ľ		
ļ	Art reviews	.23
I	Crossword	.23 .26
	Crossword	.23 .26 2,3
	Art reviews Crossword Culture Dilemmas	.23 .26 2,3 14
	Crossword Culture Dilemmas Features	.23 .26 2,3 14 .13
	Art reviews Crossword Culture Dilemmas Features 10 Listings 24	.23 .26 2,3 14 .13
	Crossword Culture Dilemmas Features	.23 .26 2,3 14 .13 ,25
	Art reviews Crossword Culture Dilemmas Features 10 Listings 24	.23 .26 2,3 14 .13 ,25 .20





FROM (450

G·O·L·D·S·M·I·T·H·S WALKER & HALL

Maurice Lacroix Swiss Watches, are available at selected branches of the Goldsmiths Group, one of the country's leading retail jewellers with over a 100 branches nationwide.

For details of your nearest stockist call FREE on 0800 220733

Education+ 24-page pull-out packed with higher education appointments

The Howard machine blows its circuits

Sometimes, when Mr Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, stands at the dispatch box, i seems that the skin and bone of his head have become a transhicent shell, through which it is possible to observe and to admire the intricate workings of his political mind.

Here - beside the left frontal lobe -- is his populism receptor. keenly attuned to the minutest barometric change in the electorate's air pressure. Attached to the cortex is a meter, measuring what his colleagues will and will not wear. Between them run a series of electrical currents, along synaptic path-

Anthony Bevins and John Rentoul

The Commons was warned last

night that Labour would not tol-

erate any attempt to obstruct an

all-party investigation into a whip's interference with a 1994

inquiry into the Neil Hamilton

Acting on an allegation that David Willetts, a Treasury min-

ister and former whip, had im-properly given advice that could

have blocked an investigation

into allegations that Mr Hamil-

ton had received cash pay-ments, the Commons last night

agreed to open an investigation

into the conduct of Mr Willetts.

Leader of the House and a

member of the investigating

Standards and Privileges Com-

mittee, warned the House that

Labour would not let the new

investigation get bogged down for lack of evidence.

She told MPs: "I hope that

those who may be called to give

evidence, or to provide docu-

mentation, will also be aware of

But Ann Taylor, shadow



AARONOVITCH

ways, testing this position or that proposal and computing their

But never has this superb machine been placed under so much strain as this week on the subject of Dunhlane and guns. And yesterday the whirring and

Labour warns

against curb on

sleaze inquiry

House, and that everything the

forthcoming."
Mrs Taylor then added: "Un-

less that is the case, then these matters will not be resolved. I

trust, therefore, that everyone

eration of Government-inspired foot-dragging, in the possible hope that the inquiry will get bogged down - and even slip be-

Labour clearly fears an op-

Moving the motion for a for-

mal complaint of breach of

parliamentary privilege to be in-

vestigated, Labour MP An-

drew Miller said it was not for

whips to meddle in the quasi-

judicial investigation of a select

quiry, and firm action, was re-

quired to restore public faith in

member of the old Privileges

Committee, intervened to say

that junior whips like Mr Wil-

letts did not operate as soloists;

Alf Morris, a former Labour

He said an open, public in-

will co-operate fully."

yond a May election.

committee.

Parliament.

committee necds will

clanking was audible through-out the Chamber, as Mr ing to lose out. So he had to support that Bill. The country total prohibition. Howard struggled with the contradictions of his position. His is, as he always reminds

us, the Party of law and order But it is also the Party of shooters - who cannot see why their enjoyment should be curtailed because of the actions of a few. It is the Party of toughness on criminals, but also the freedom of the individual. It is the Party of prisons, but also the Party that loathes the nanny-state. Ever since Labour dispensed with the Wait-for-Cullen ab-

surdity, Mr Howard has been

aware from the public response

Chief Whip.

er of Harrods.

tions affair.

three now outstanding.

£1,000 to ask a question.

come to the House with a "tough" plan of action, hoping that not too many would ask the

government doing between Hungerford and Dunblane? But the proposals also had to give something to what is called the shooting fraternity". Thus did Mr Howard haulk at a complete ban on 22 weapons, quoting Cullen as saying they were "four-to-six times less powerful", and could be kept at secure gun clubs. His statement ended up with some vintage hypocrisy. "I

obvious question: if guns are so

awful, what exactly was the

expects nothing less".

Jack Straw, his opposite number, had only been allowed to see the Cullen report and the Home Secretary's statement a paltry three or four hours before Mr Howard stood up in the House to make it. Nevertheless Straw's position had, for once, the immense strength of consistency and he spoke well. Ban

the lot, he said.

Ah, replied Mr Howard, the synaptic canals pulsing there we have it, the difference between us and Labour. "We believe it is possible to give the public pro-

Immediately, the Howard plan began to come apart in front of our eyes. David Mellor put his finger on part of it. If it was going to be made so incredibly difficult to exercise a legitimate right to shoot handguns, then why not ban them alether?

Jack Straw, whose mind is not as dull as some beliève, called for a free vote. Now, there is no justification for this, other than taking pleasure in watching the Howard machine blow itself un. Bnt thus, dear readers, is history made.

significant shorts

environmental crime-wave

Britain has become a key staging post m an expanding international environmental crime-wave, the country's first seminar on the subject heard yesterday.

The nation's busy sea and air ports, its hub position on international trade routes and the fact that police, customs and other government agencies are only just starting to get to grips with the problems have given Britain the role. Banned substances including ozone-destroying CFC chemicals and parts from endangered wildlife

pass through.
Police raids in UK cities have demonstrated that large quantities of medicines purporting to contain extracts from endangered species such as tigers and bears are entering Britain for sale here but much is though to be for sale ahmad .

John Gummer, Secretary of State for the Environment, told a Chinese journalist at the seminar that the British government had no quarrel with Oriental medicine. But he claimed that endangered wildlife parts were only used as aphrodisiacs, although tiger parts are said to have many beneficial effects.
Nicholas Schoon

Unionist MP goes it alone

A row broke out vesterday inside David Trimble's Ulster Unionist Party with one of its nine MPs announcing his intention to run as an indepen-

dent in the next election. Although the party in North Belfast has yet to hold its selection meeting the current MP, Cecil Walker. claimed he was the victim of a right-wing conspiracy which had the apparent support of the party leadership. A split in the Unionist

vote in this cockpit constituency could result in an unpredictable contest which might bring the election of a Sinn Fein MP.

Since Mr Trimble's election as leader a year ago it has been an open secret that many members of the partiamentary party he inherited than whole-hearted support.
In turn, some of Mr Trimhle's warnings of severe financial close associates have made it problems plain that they wanted to see many of the sitting MPs replaced by younger, more energetic and more right-wing figures. Mr Walker is 71.

Suspect held over TRA plot'

questioned by anti-terrorist police in France yesterday in connection with a suspected IRA bomb plot. Sources said his identity card had been discovered during a police raid on a London flat in July. Seven people were arrested in the raid, which was believed to have thwarted an IRA bombing with only hours to spare, and a cache of explosives was discovered.

Mary Dejevsky - Paris

Beigium BRBO Raly L4,500 Ar real, 13 weeks Europe £110.76; Zone 1 reads Conneies . . . Pts300 Madera . . . Esc325 East, America, Africa and India) £184.08; Zone 2 (Far

Cypnus CE1.20 Malta 43 cents East and Australariat E206.70. To order, please see ... Dicr18 Norway Nic20 chaque payable to Johnsons International Media Service insh Rep 45p Portugal . . . Esc325 List to 43 Milharbout, Landon E14 9TR or telephone 0171

Luxembourg ... LFGO USA \$3.00 Historic Newspapers, telephone 01988 840370.

THE INDEPENDENT ABROAD

France Fr14 Spein Pts300 538 8288. Credit cards welcome

_Sch40 Wlands PE.00

GermanyDM4.5 Sweden..... Skr21

Britain hub of Parents' advice brings big fall in cot deaths

Fewer infants are dying in **England and Wales because** parents are now heeding advice to prevent cot deaths. experts say.

Government statistics show the lowest-recorded infant mortality rate ever. Since 1971, the rate has fallen by 65 per cent, from 17.5 per thou-

sand live births to 6.1 in 1995. Ralph Settatree, Clinical Director for the Confidential Inquiry into Stillbirths and Deaths in Infancy, a govern-ment-funded research group, adviseD parents to make sure babies sleep on their backs and not their sides or front.

Stores warned on 'fresh' bread

Frozen bread cannot be considered fresh, trading stan-dards officers said. They are to issue new guidelines next month on the way supermarkets must describe their bread baked in-store.

The Local Authority Coordinating Body on Trading Standards is worried that consumers could he misled into thinking that all such loaves "fresh-baked", "ovenfresh", "freshly haked here today are prepared from be-ginning to end on the

An officials suggested some supermarkets were misleading their customers.

New hospital dooms Bart's

Supporters of St Bartholomew's, the famed 900-year-old hospital in the City of London, yesterday vowed to fight on as plans were unveiled for a new hospital nearby which will mean its almost certain closure.

The £300m 1,100-bed development, on the site of the present Royal London Hospital NHS Trust in Whitechapel, will be the biggest Private Finance Initiative hospital project in the health service to date ■ A cash injection of £200m is needed to save the health service from a winter crisis, according to a review of

The National Association of Health Authorities and Trusts says the NHS is "pulling out all the stops" to ensure that emergency and David McKittrick intensive care services are ready for the winter surge in demand but that this is being done at a cost.

Non-urgent treatments are being restricted or cancelled and waiting lists will grow, A French citizen, named as Jean-Louis Becker, was being port, while debt is eating into next year's resources.

Unspoilt pubs

Up to a 1,000 pubs have unspoiled interiors of architectural or historical importance which deserve protection, the Campaign for Real Ale said. Its Good Beer Guide 1997. published yesterday, lists 197 with interiors of outstanding

more senior colleagues like the Tony Benn told the House that if it was a corrupt practice for an election candidate to offer a voter a £1,000 inducement to vote, it should also be an election offence for an MP to accept Meanwhile, Sir Gordon Downey, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, has opened his investigation into the original - and buried - allegations about Mr Hamilton accepting cash payments from Mohamed Al Fayed, the own-Sir Gordon has so far investigated four allegations that MPs broke the ethical rules of the Commons, with at least Meanwhile, Doug Hoyle, the Labour MP whose local party received a donation from the lobbyist lan Greer, announced vesterday he was resigning from the Commons committee investigating the cash-for-ques-

The truth is out there: A Greenpeace protest against the intended use by Unilever of

fox n. cruel, cunning, ruthless, sly killer.

huntsman n. (see above).

In this week's Radio Times, John Peel examines the arguments for and against fox hunting and discovers there are no easy answers.

IT'S NOT WHAT YOU EXPECT.

Royal train faces axe

Christian Wolmar Transport Correspondent

The Royal Train looks set to follow the Royal Yacht into oblivon after the Government announced yesterday that it was changing the way Royal travel is to be funded.

The Royal Family will in future receive a single grant for transport each year, rather than having the costs of the train and the Royal Squadron met automatically by the Department of Transport and the Ministry of Defence. The members of the Royal Family will then have to decide how best to spend that money and the train is unlike-

ly to be affordable. Last year, the cost of their travel was more than £9m and the 31 outings cost an average of £61,290 including security expenses, a total of £1.9m for the year. It was used by the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh, the Prince of Wales, the Princess Royal and the Duchess of Kent. With a tighter budget, they are likely to choose cheaper methods of travel, such as hiring the

odd first-class carriage.

The proposal is thought to have been finalised at the recent Way Ahead Group meeting at Balmoral last month. The group, which consists of senior members of the family and advisers looks at possible reforms of the monarchy as well as planning public engagements.

The Royal Yacht Britannia is set to be decommissioned next year because the cost of a replacement was considered too high and the Royals are trying to shed their ostentatious image. The new grant will come

from the Department of Trans-port which will expect to make annual cuts to the amount. In unswer to a parliamentary question, the Prime Minister, John Major, said yesterday that a similar scheme for "property services on the occupied royal palaces" provided a suitable model. This had led to "savings in excess of 25 per cent" over the past five years.

He said: *Once the new sys-

tem is established, targets for savings will be agreed and performance against them pub-lished [annually]."

genetically manipulated soya beans in its products. The demonstration took place at the company's headquarters in London yesterday Photograph: Araminta De Clermont

Education vouchers scheme is forcing nurseries to shut down

Judith Judd

Playgroups are being forced to close by the Government's nursery voucher scheme as schools rush to admit children who are only just four. Officials from Norfolk, one of

the four councils in the pilot scheme, will next month tell the Commons Select Committee on Education about its concern that some four-year-olds are be-ing sent to schools which are not equipped to cope with them.

As Conservative-controlled Wandsworth and Westminster yesterday presented evidence to the committee of their reser-

vations about the scheme, Michael Edwards, Norfolk's chief education officer, said the number of children attending playgroups had dropped sharply this term and six had gone out of business.

From next April parents of all four-year-olds will be given vouchers worth £1,100 to spend in private, voluntary or local anthority nurseries or schools.

Mr Edwards said the me-

chanics of the scheme were "not unworkable" but he was worried hecause a growing number of young four-yearolds were being admitted to small rural schools and put in

several years older. He added: "Heads of schools have seen this is a competitive exercise hecause of the money involved. Where there are only

Education + The Tabloid

two or three classes in a school. there are more four-year-olds in mixed age classes and that is worrying from an educational point of view. We have tried to ensure that there is appropriate teaching but it is very difficult for teachers in small schools to classes with children sometimes cope with these children."

Playgroups - or pre-schools -say 39 schools have changed their admissions policy to admit children immediately after their fourth birthday. They fear that three-year-olds, who are not eligible for vouchers, will be unable to find pre-school places as

playgroups are forced to close.

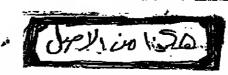
Margaret Lochrie, of the Pre-School Learning Alliance, said their survey showed that, in addition to the recent closures, a number of playgroups

were struggling to survive.
Meanwhile, four-year-olds were being admitted to reception classes where the staffing and equipment were sometimes not appropriate. Nursery class-

teacher ratio than school recention classes.

Mrs Lochrie said:"There is rampant competition from schools. Most four-year-olds are going to end up in reception classes and that is not nursery education.

Robin Squire, the schools minister, said: There is no financial needs for state schools to expand the places they offer to four-year-olds unless they want to. Where they do decide to expand state schools, like " those in the private and voluntary sector will want to consider carefully the quality of what they offer."



THE INDEPEND

r officials suggested supermarkels were acting their customer

w hospita oms Barti

olomews the land ent-and bergulal mit d'Lameton, costenda to fight on a plan medical to another scarby which wither aosticerram closes. e £3(4(m) 1 (00.be). ocut, on the sient tt Renai London! chapel, will by R. t Private Launce hospital propaga

service to date ish injertion/198 fed to save thatth from a warme ing to a treatd authorite and more Configure decime Mathemal Issues

ath Authorities and 689 16 NISS & that the stops that more collective We can white all inc. the content stup d but that the sh A Carl temperature atment extricted in called thing has will gove sig to H. NAHA!

BY'S PERSONS OF poilt put Line pula bate meters to a second Serve protects Beer Charle ad yesterd in hos STANKS OF CHUILDIE

Mark Paris

fale than M Compagnet Med lent # form toposis, and that is the n Sainte in t spirit "(Tall Man bloom in the state of the s

ully the dank

t have a lugh. Landing and

Where they's pd state who the prosterio

Ageing pop star turns Bronte into a critical cliffhanger

Pavid Lister Arts News Editor

Sir Cliff Richard had donned his long black wig, grown menac-ing sideburns, even accidentally knocked out a fellow actor in rehearsal. But even his Heath-cliff was powerless against the unpredictability of new technology.

Finally realising a dream he had nurtured for more than 30 years, Sir Cliff, 56, played Emiyears, Sir Cliff, 56, played Emily Bronte's brooding hero in the
opening of a new musical based
on Wuthering Heights.

But the 4,000-strong full
house to see Heathcliff at Birmingham's indoor National Are-

na did not realise that the lavish show they were watching was a victim of computer error. One-third of the sophisti-

'People said I couldn't do this. But I looked in the mirror and said: I'm still Cliff

cated computer projections were not used as a shortage of technical rehearsal time and other hi-tech mishaps caused their abandonment for the longawaited first night of this £3.5m

Richard'

Sir Cliff and the rest of the cast arrived in Birmingham yesterday after hiring Earls Court in London for four days to rehearse and in his eagerness to portray the demonic side of swipe at those whippersnapper Heathcliff, Sir Cliff knocked out Oasis chappies. "Cliff doesn't his fellow actor Jimmy Johnson throw cans of beer off the none of the rehearsal fight and spit at everybody."

Perhaps it was appropriate in modestly saying: "I've never this very odd piece of casting. In last night's show it was hard not to hink at Sir Cliff up on stage not only beating up his pregnant wife but also smoking opium. For this production Polygram, the company which travelled a lot further than made *Trainspotting*, have now offered this late in life, swarthy. Emily Bronte's Yorkshire, exploring the time that Heathcliff was away from Wuthering

Heights and imagining him as a ruthless merchant adventurer and opium trader.
Miss Bronte had not forseen

the scope for exotic Oriental dance sequences and laser-led flights of fancy. Before yesterday's first night

of the five-month long four-city tour which has already sold 340,000 seats and taken a record £8.5m, the God-fearing Peter Pan of pop was determined to prove an affinity with English literature's most romantic and dangerous

"Quite a lot of people said I couldn't do this," he said. "He's the nice guy singing Living Doll. And every morning I looked in the mirror and thought dam. I'm still Cliff Richard.

But when I put the wig on I felt different. No, I've never been cast aside by a lover for someone else. I have nevertheless loved and feli love and lost love, wished someone would love me. All those feelings, we've all felt them."
Supervising last-minute re-

hearsals, the director, Frank Dunlop, said: "Cliff is a very daring person. This is his biggest

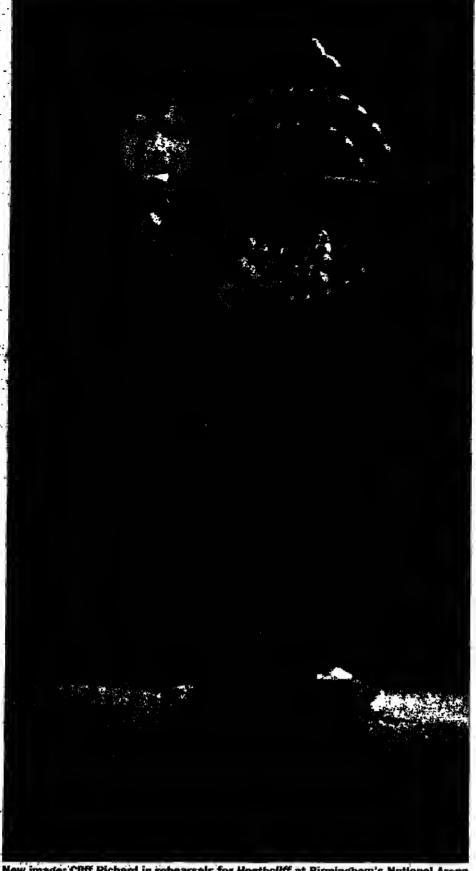
And Sir Tim Rice, who composed the score with John Farrar of Grease fame, added: *Cliff is very misunderstood. He is an artist with lots of

Outside the stage door, the fans were in no doubt of their ageing hero's suitability for the role, Barbara Byrne, from Warrington, had seen Cliff in concert 374 times and followed him round Australia, though she failed to get a ticket for this Birminghām opening. "Of course he looks the part," she said indignantly. He looks like a man. The beard has changed

And she added with a sidethrow cans of beer off the stage

Sir Cliff summed it all up embarked on anything like this before and I never will again. This could be the swansong of

my career."
That now looks unlikely. passionate Cliff Richard a new film script - bis first for 25 years.



اعكذا من الأعبل

New image: Cliff Richard in rehearsals for Heathcliff at Birmingham's National Arena



Gable struggled with the role

revolutionary who comes to

married woman. Critic Frank

Nugent called it: "A singularly

of an 19th century Irish

grief over his love for a

pallid, tedious and

Poppins (1964)

Van Dyke's pitiful

attempt at a Cockney

audiences to hysterica

30 years after the release of

laughter more than

this children's classic.

unconvincing drama.



Allah (1936)

Was Boris Androvsky in the tale of a Trappist whose conscience is restored by liquor on his wedding night. Better known as villainous husband to Ingrid Bergman's



Horribly miscast as stripper Gypsy Rose Lee, and a far cry from her most famous part as straight-laced Maria in West Side Story. One critic said she resembled a "plastic wind-up doll strutting the runway".



Humphrey Bogart - The Amazing Dr Clitterhouse (1938)

Bogart deviated from his normal tough-guy roles to play a mad criminologist who becomes addicted to crime. He did not repeat the

Mick Jagger's sheepstunningly bad portrayal of Ned Kelly, the Australian hero outlaw, nearly caused a diplomatic incident and was never likely to get an Oscar

Mick Jagger - Ned Kelly

Compiled by Sam Coates

Life for lorry driver who ended Celine's journey of optimism

Lorry driver Stuart Morgan was convicted vesterday of the murder of 19-year-old French student, Celine Figard, who he picked up at a service station, raped and strangled before

dumping her body in a ditch Morgan, 37, of Parkestone in Dorset, attacked Ms Figard af-ter she had hitched a lift with him at a motorway service station in Hampshire last December. Retectives believe he carried the body in his lorry for

carried the body in his lorry for nine days over the Christmas period before burning her clothes and alrandoming her body in a lay by mean workester.

The jury reached their unanimous vendicant the end of the 11-day trial-laying Morgan for life, Mr Justice Laubam told him: "What provided to Celine has caused revulsion in the minds of all right thinking people." Morgan had admitted giving her a lift, cisimed they had consensial ser, but had denied consensual sex, but had denied

Ms Figard's encounter with Morgan was the tragic culmination of a journey of youthful optimism. On 18 December the accountancy student had waived goodbye to her parents, Martine, 43, and Bernard, 47, at the family farmhouse in Ferrieres Les-Scey, 250 miles south-east of Paris, and head-

She had spent two months of the previous summer working at the Ashbourne Hotel in



Honest student: Celine Figard was murdered by Stuart Morgan, who carried her body in his lorry for nine days

her cousin Jean-Marc. She was popular among guests and in-vited to work over Christmas. ing", it is believed Ms Figard would never deliberately have put berself in danger. She had decided to hitch to save money - a decision which cost her

phone to contact her relatives. She was last seen at 4.35pm climbing aboard Morgan's white Mercedes lorry. Shortly afterwards, she was dead. Her body remained in the bottom bunk of Morgan's cab throughout the Christmas period. Morgan continued driving and sleeping in the lorry for three days before parking the vehicle outside his house to enjoy

Definitive guide to arts,

entertainment and TV

of Celine's clothing, dumping her bloodied underwear in a hedge. He then travelled to the tay-by on the A449 near fence posts. It declares the Omhersley, Worcestershire, where he dumped Celine's naked body in undergrowth by the road. Shortly after 12.30pm a local resident discovered the corpse and the nationwide murder hunt began.

Detective Superintendent Bob McCamont, who led the murder hunt, described Ms Figard as "the sort of person that anybody would be proud to have as a daughter".

"She was an articulate, honest student from a rural part of France who loved England. She was a lovely girl who spoke Eng-

Her father Bernard, who made an emotional appeal to the British public two days before Christmas, said of his "beautiful little girl": "Celine was just a 19vear-old student trying to find her way in life and she went to England to improve her English. She was a dedicated student and she never had much time for boyfriends. My little Celine was too busy studying."

The description contrasted with the warped image of Ms Figard that Morgan presented to the court in his defence. He painted a portrait of a "druggie" and a "hussy" who seduced him with hours of their meeting. Morgan, married twice and with three children, was a selfemployed long-distance lorry

way where Ms Figard's body was dumped, someone has carved a small inscription onto one of the green wooded copse: "Le Jardin de Celine" - Celine's

Garden.

Owners of pets seek **BSE** answers

1147

11:12 Test

Distri

2:172

heist.

45.5

die

.

200

. 15

11.

1128

*.II ·

July 2

Charles Arthur and Anthony Bevins

Pet food manufacturers denied yesterday that their products might be contaminated with BSE, but the MP who first raised the fears insisted that into portant safety questions had not

The Pet Food Manufacturers' Association (PFMA), whose nembers sold a billion pounds worth of cat and dog foods last year, said that the suggestion by Martyn Jones, a microbiologis and Labour MP, that BSE-infected "meat and bone meal" (MBM) – produced from grinding down cattle careasses could end up in pet food was "a

Anxious pet owners inun-dated the RSPCA and the PFMA with calls yesterday. seeking advice.

Under a government order. pet food containing MBM may not be prepared on the same premises as food for cattle or sheep. But the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (Maff) said yesterday that this was done to avoid cattle being fed any meat remains, and that it did not imply that MBM might be contaminated with BSE. However, the measure has clearly been taken so that there s no possibility of BSE-infected products being passed back into cattle feed. This "recycling" is believed to have caused the original epidemic, which has so far led to almost 164,000 cases of BSE being diagnosed, and an estimated 700,000 cattle which were developing the disease being passed as lit for human consumption. MBM is made from such cattle. The agent that causes BSE is not killed by the manufacturing

Dogs appear to be immune to BSE, but cats have developed a version, called feline spongi-form encepalopathy (FSE). Since the first case was identified in 1990, 71 FSE cases have been reported; all in the UK. But there has been a sharp decline in cases: last year there were eight, but this year there been just one. This fall mirrors the BSE epidemic, which in 1992 saw 36,000 cases in cattle. So far this year there have been 5,219 cases. Mr Jones said yesterday that

a number of questions remained unanswered about the material being used in petfood. "Some petfood representa-

tives have said that I have accepted that I misunderstood the situation. That is not true. Having spoken to them, there are still questions to be answered.

el-last back. driver and haulage contractor.

swissair world's most refreshing airling.



Yessss!

Draconian laws that must let us hope

Safety strategy with no margin for error

James Cusick

The Government claimed yesterday that it had gone further than Lord Cullen's recommendations. However the force and precision of the 200-page report and its series of 28 recommendations had left little room for

Tighter vetting of those ap-plying for any firearm; increased police powers and police training in dealing with firearms: increased powers to inspect dealers; a new licensing regime and new security measures for all gun clubs will mean a new era

for gun ownership. The Government's adoption of Lord Cullen's advice will make British gun laws some of the most draconian in the world and far tougher than those of our European partners, However, restricted access to handguns in Britain was the core recommendation the Government had waited for since the 26-day inquiry ended on 10

The report argued in favour of a clampdown on self-loading pistols and revolvers of any calibre held by individuals for

target shooting. It recommended safeguards in guns not in use in which internal mechanisms would be removed and locks fitted to barrels where practical. The separated parts would then be

Crucially, Lord Cullen said that if such a system was not adopted then "the possession of such handguns by individual owners" should be banned.

The Government rejected the idea of "separation" and said it intended to go further than the report, "banning all high-calibre handguns" and prohibiting people from keeping even single shot handguns

The report dismissed the wholesale prohibition of all guns, including rifles and shotguns, as unnecessary. Similarly Lord Cullen did not recommend the ending of the present system of certification, only its improvement. "Stopping short of a ban," the report stated, "is the one open to the least objection on the grounds of prac-

The report made clear what will now happen to the sport of pistol shooting given the Gov-ernment's intended ban, stating: "Ban on multi-shot handguns would to a very large extent destroy the sport of target shooting and have significant effects on the economy."

After the massacre at Dunhlane Primary School on 13 March in which 16 children and their teacher were killed by Thomas Hamilton, the Cullen inquiry remit included the future safety of schools and the safeguards of those who

The report's recommenda-tions, adopted by the Governmeot yesterday, will mean schools being ordered to "prepare a safety strategy" to protect pupils and staff. Where the funds will come from to pay for the improvement will now be made aproblem for the Trea-

A new national body for youth clubs and groups, which will see improved vetting and the national exchange of infor-

mation, is to be set up.

The years when Thomas
Hamilton was investigated by police after questionable conduct at the boys' clubs he ran are examined in detail in the report, together with the persistent rumours of paedophilia and the way Central Scotland's police enforced national guo laws. In one key seotence describing the methods used by the Central police force in their gathering of criminal intelligence, the report states: "It was a glaring deficiency in the oper-ation of the force's information

One officer in particular, deputy chief constable Douglas McMurdo, is accused of "adopting an unduly narrow approach in which he paid oot much more than lip service" to the idea that a persoo could be deemed unfit to have his gun licence renewed, Mr McMurdo, who resigned from Central



Shadow of the gunman: Practice yesterday at the Safari Gun Club in Chigwell, Essex

ly after the report was published, idence." gave evidence to the inquiry as

era of safety measures. Many, The regime Britain's guin the report accepts, will be unable to afford the changes and owners face following the Cullen report will mean inwill go out of business

bership of at least one gun dub; each club will be required to inform the police when a cer-Firearms certificate holders a member and gun clubs will

son to liaise with their local

A new national computer all individual certificate bolders.

Funding issue left unanswered

Judith Judd **Education Editor**

The Cullen report does oot address the questioo teachers most want answered - how much extra money will there be for school security?

The Government has promised "substantial additional resources" from April next year. Local authorities will be given additional funds but will have to find 40 per cent of the costs themselves.

David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of

Head Teachers, said: "The Government has got to stop pussyfooting around and sav unequivocally that it will provide 100 per cent of the cost of improving security out of brand new money. All parents are eotitled to expect that their child will be safe in school. Schools cannot be expected to provide new security systems from their own hard-pressed resources or for local authorities to have to

money diverted from other educational needs."

top up Government grants with

retary of the National Unioo of should the oumbers of enquestion of cash was central. "Action plans and security plans are helpful but unless the money is there to back them up, they woo't take schools anything like far eoough."

Some teachers were disappointed by the report's failure to make more definite recommendations. Lord Cullen emphasises that each school must devise a strategy suited to its own circumstances and list a series of suggestions in the form Doug McAvoy, general sec- of questions, for example: selves into fortresses.

Teachers, also argued that the trances be restricted? He makes firmer recommendations about what should be done once an emergency is under way than about geoeral measures to prevent intruders.

a witness. Lord Cullen's report

said "Mr McMurdo's position

uoderwent a disconcerting

Schools have already become more security conscious after a series of violent incidents on or near school premises. Some have put up fences, blocked en-trances, introduced identity badges. But almost all agree with Lord Culleo's view that it would be wrong to turn them-

Resentment out on the range

Chubb

Michael Streeter

The reaction to the near-total handguo ban among members of the Safari Guo Club in Chingford, Essex, was swift and

Will it make the streets safer? No. Will it save anyone from dying? "No," insisted regular Savvas Toufexis, after a sessioo firing his Ceska Zbrojouka bandgunat the club. People are being deprived of what they enjoy doing without any social benefit for anyone. The Government is simply pan- weapons in circulation - esti- istered dealer, who watched others.

dering to a section of public mated to exceed 4 million - conopinion.

The club, which opened last year, has 150 members and is one of more than 2,000 in the country which will be struging to survive. Its members had been bracing themselves for the had news. Much of their anger stems from their belief that the Dunblane tragedy arose out of a failure of the licensing system, carried out by central Scotland police, and oot the ownership of weapons per se.

They point to illegally held

Alarm

System HSA500

£199-95

trasting with the 160,000 weapons likely to be banned by the Home Secretary, Michael Howard. They said Britisb entrants would be barred from a oumber of international shooting eveots using .32 calibre weapons. Mr Toufexis, wbo owns six guns due to be banned

Smiths 24 Hour

Compact Timer

£15-99 Save £6

Hungerford massacre had still oot received compensatioo. Richard Law, the club's reg-

was also worried about com-

pensation, and said owners of

weapons banned after the

meot oo television in stunned silence, said the clubcould still become a centre for 22 calibre pistol and revolver users: "It depends oo whether the owners will still want to come."

The angry mood in Chingford was echoed at the Shooters' Rights Association which represents 5,000 shooters and dealers. Spokesman Guy Savage claimed 10,000 jobs could be lost: "One millioo shooters are royally pissed off at being made a scapegoat for the actions of

Buying a computer for the first time or as a seasoned technology expert, decisions are always made by the head and the wallet and seldom the heart.

The fact is that a Compaq computer is often the heart's desire of any computer buyer, for home or office. So now, with a little help from Technology Online, one of the UK's





largest Compaq dealers, your heart's desire is now priced to suit every wallet and still be a

decision your head will be happy with. And, as if low prices were not enough, Technology Online will add a CareFREE 36,

year on site warranty absolutely FREE. Three years complete peace of mind and quality of PC which could only be Compaq.

Sampaq 19-skyro 2000 S120 M1080, Intel Pentrum* 120-MHz or, 256 Kh cache, I-GB bard drive, 16-MB memory

WHO HAS GREAT SAVINGS ON COMPAQ PCs **UNTIL 31st DECEMBER?**

HERE'S A POINTER.



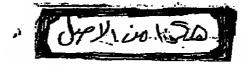


COMPAQ COSTS YOU ELSS THAN CHEAPER COMPUTERS

ORDER Tel: 0345 02 38 65







Police chief resigns after criticism

Jason Bennetto

The police officer who was chiefly responsible for allowing Thomas Hamilton to keep the handguns used in the Dunblace massacre resigned yesterday after heiog severely criticised in the Cullen Inquiry. Douglas McMurdo, 56, was

at the time Deputy Chief Coostable of Central Scotland Police, and was in charge of approving firearms certificates. He renewed Hamiltoo's li-

cence despite a warning from a colleague that he was unstable and an "unsuitable persoo to possess a firearm". A second nf-licer also reported that she was concerned about Hamilton.

Furthermore Lord Cullen described the failure to record the warnings io Hamiltoo's criminal intelligence file as a glaring deficiency

Mr McMurdo, who became Assistant Inspector of Con-stabulary for Scotland in February, vesterday handed his resignation to Michael Forsyth, the Secretary of State for Scot-

land, which was accepted.
The Cullen Inquiry heard how Detective Sergeant Paul Hughes wrote a memo in 1991 asking superior officers to consider revoking Hamilton's licence after investigating claims he had assaulted several boys during a camp. Hc wrote: "I am firmly of the opioion that Hamilton is an unsavoury character and unstable personality." He added that he was "a scheming. devious and deceitful indi-

vidual who is not to be trusted".

A second officer agreed although a third did not. Mr Mc-Murdo wrote "no action" on the memo and later told the inquiry that DS Hughes' remarks were based on "a gut feeling".

6

In 1995 Detective Constable Anne Andersoo visited Hamilton to consider his applicatioo for his certificate to be renewed. She reported she had a "strange feeling" about him and felt slightly intimidated. Mr McMurdo again signed the renewal after considering the evidence for "a few minutes". Lord Cullen said that Mr Mc-Murdo placed great impor-tance on the fact the Mr Hamilton did oot have a criminal record. He said he ap-peared in have "adopted an

a person could be 'unfitted' in the absence of a conviction or peoding criminal case."
Mr McMurdo yesterday said: Throughout four years as a po-lice cadet and 37 years as a police officer I have always tried tn dn what was right and prop-

unduly narrow approach in

which he paid not much more

than lip service to the idea that

er and within the law. "In my dealings with Thomas Hamilton, whether it was with regard to his complaints against the police or the licensing of his firearms, I likewise tried to do what I felt was right and within the law.

"I firmly believed at the time and still do oow that the decisinns I took were the ooly ooes opeo to me. Nevertheless, I have to accept the conclusions reached by Lord Cullen. Io the circumstances I do not believe I can continue as Assistant Iospector of Constabulary."

Central Scotland chief constable William Wilson last night spoke of "sadness" over the resignation of Mr McMurdo.

He added Lord Cullen had made "some criticism" of his force, particularly the time taken to notify relatives of the dead, and in its firearms licensing



Pressures made ban inevitable

Colin Brown Chief Political Correspondent

Behind the high minded statements yesterday, party politics and pohlic pressure made an almost total han on handguns inevitable.

Michael Forsyth, the Secre-tary of State for Scotland, played a pivotal role in forcing the Cabinet and the Home Secretary, Michael Howard, to adopt a tougher line. Mr Forsyth visited the school with George Robertsoo, his Labour shadow, on 13 March, the day

of the killing. Both were terribly moved by the aftermath of the carnage. the holes in the walls and the Countdown to new legislation

Home Office minister, became

the first Tory MP to call for an

outright ban on handguns. He

had few sympathisers on his own

henches. In a BBC radio inter-

view yesterday he crackled with

anger at the way home office

ministers dismissed his calls as

13 March: Thomas Hamilton kills 16 children and. Inviting villing for returing to recommend a bare

scattered, binodstained clothes of Hamiltoo's victims.

A week later. John Major ordered Lord Cullen to carry out an investigation into the killings. He was well-respected for his pragmatism after his inquiry intn the Piper Alpha oil rig disaster and his terms of reference were drawn wide to enable him to make recommendations "as a "knee-jerk" reaction.

teacher in three minutes at Dimblane. 3 October: Ann Phaistin, Snowdrop campaigner.

15 March: John Major and Tony Bairvist Dumblane addresses Libbon Party conference.

21 March: Inquiry by Lord Cullen amounced. 9 October: John Major avoids commitment at Tony.

28 Aug. 35 Utilizat in Teachante Libbon. 21 March: Include by Lord Cullen Ambourcour
28 April: 35 Idiled in Tasmania killing Australian. Party conference.
Government amounces ben on 10 May.

15 October: Cabinet committee agrees to being 1 August: Sx Tory MPs on Home Affairs Select Common cept for, 22 Weapons.

may seem appropriate".

David Mellor, the former long cool look to be taken, pos-

> total ban would fade. Ministers were keen to avoid being bounced into had laws such as the Dangerous Dogs Act.

sibly in the hope pressure for a

But events conspired to keep the demands for a ban high on the agenda. A deranged gun-man in Tasmania killed 35 people in a gun massacre on 28 April. Within 12 days the Aus-

tralian Government announced

its own ban on guns. The speed of the Australian Government's response made the British Government look leisurely. The turning point came on 1 August when a group of six Tory MPs were vilified for using their majority oo the Commons select committee on Home Affairs to reject a ban on

At the time, their position was defended by ministers. But the public outrage was a foretaste for the Government of the backlash which it would face if it sought to take similar halfhearted measures.

Mother: They sold us short after all'

"It is oot enough to stop this happening again." That stark message, from Pamela and Kenny Ross, who lost their daughter Joanna in the carnage at Dunblane Primary School on 13 March, came yesterday after

publication of the report they had patiently waited for.
On 1 August, in a letter to the Government which appeared on the front page of the Independent, Mrs Ross asked it quite simply to "Listen to me". The passionate, logical, and plainspeaking letter had enormous

impact. Next week the couple's other daughter, Alison, will celebrate her first birthday. Mrs Ross's letter asked the simple question: "Will you be able to guarantee her safety when she starts school?" The answer they said they got yesterday from the Cullen report and the Govern-meot's action which will follow was a resounding "No".

At their home in Dunhlane yesterday the couple said:
"We've really got oo feeling left
... Lord Culleo had a unique
moment. If he had mequivocally advocated a complete ban, the Government would have been left with oo choice." The partial ban, still allowing ownership of .22-calibre guns stored

at clobs, "is not enough" At the Dunblane Hydro Hotel, just up the road from the school, the parents of all the deceased childreo issued a joint statemeot: "The ... atrocity that was committed that day against our children, their teachers, their school, this community, this country, was so horrendous that it almost defies belief ... We believe the seeds of this tragedy and of other such tragedies rest in what we believe to be a gun culture in this country, a gun culture perpetuated by a tiny minority.

Friday, 18 October at 10:00 pm (British time)



How to call France from the United Kingdom

On 18 October 1996 at 10:00 pm British time, France will switch to a new telephone numbering plan. These changes anticipate for the ever increasing volume of relecommunications traffic in France (new services, fax, mobile phones, etc.). This new plan provides a reserve of numbers for several decades to come and marks a further step

towards harmonization with European directives and International recommendations,

This New Telephone Numbering Plan applies to all numbers you call in France. To call a number in France from the United Kingdom, after 00 simply dial the country code 33, followed by a

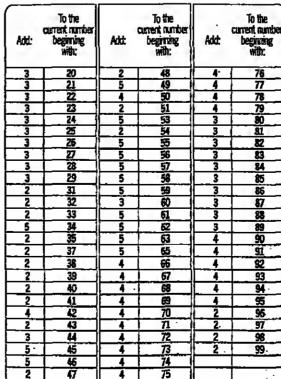
9 digits to call all numbers

To call the "provinces" (outside Paris and the Paris region)

Depending on the location, dial 2, 3, 4 or 5 in front of the current number, which remains the same.

The digits to be added are shown on the area code map and in the area code table.

For example: 00 33 20 becomes 00 33 3 20



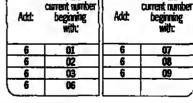
To call Paris and the Paris region

There are no changes. You will continue to dial the 9-digit number which begins with 1.

For example: (00 33 1 To call mobile numbers

To call a mobile phone, dial 6 before the current 8-digit number, which remains the same.

For example: 00 33 01 becomes 00 33 6 01



Remember ...!

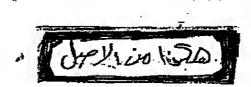
Don't forget to update your personal directory. If necessary, modify all French numbers (including speed dialing) stored in your equipment telephones, fax machines, etc.

How to phone when you are in France

For all calls within France, dial 0 before the 9-digit number. The domestic long distance access code, 16, will no longer

be used. To call another country from France, dial 00 (instead of 19).





The first Referendum Party Conference.

The last chance for Britain?

Nina

Wh

You

()n

CIRR

ne.

But

واند

de

Inc

110

rop

\ id a

\an

DIX

tion

HICC

ev b

Œ

To Party Conference has ever faced a more fundamentally important issue than the one the Referendum Party will debate on Saturday in Brighton.

What is at stake is the very future of Britain as an independent nation.

You, personally, may believe that Britain should abandon its sovereignty and merge into a federal European super-state, governed by officials in Brussels.

On the other hand, you may think that we should retain our British sovereignty and work with our European partners for our mutual advantage. That we should be one of a family of nations.

But to be blunt, the politicians couldn't care less what you think. Time and again, they have denied the people of Britain their basic democratic right to decide our nation's future.

The Referendum Party has been formed to give you a voice.

We are non-party political and our only aim is to secure a referendum on Europe.

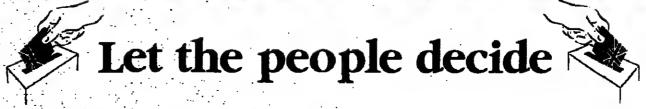
And once we have, we will disband.

At Saturday's Conference in Brighton, you will see that our speakers and supporters come from every shade of the political spectrum; left, right and centre.

But they are casting aside their traditional political loyalties until after the election, because they know that this issue is of such overwhelming importance that it is above party politics.

They believe that only the people have the right to decide the future of Britain as a nation. Not its politicians.

REFERENDUM PARTY



If you support the aims of the Referendum Party, call FREEPHONE 0800 919753 (lines open 7am - 11pm 7 days a week), or write to the Referendum Party, PO Box 1, Portishead, Bristol, BS20 8BR. Please quote REF I/17/10.

This advertisement prepared by Banks Hoggins O'Shea on Behalf of the publisher: the Referendum Party, 1st Floor, Dean Bradley House, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF.

The battle begins to take the boredom out of Bracknell

Clare Garner

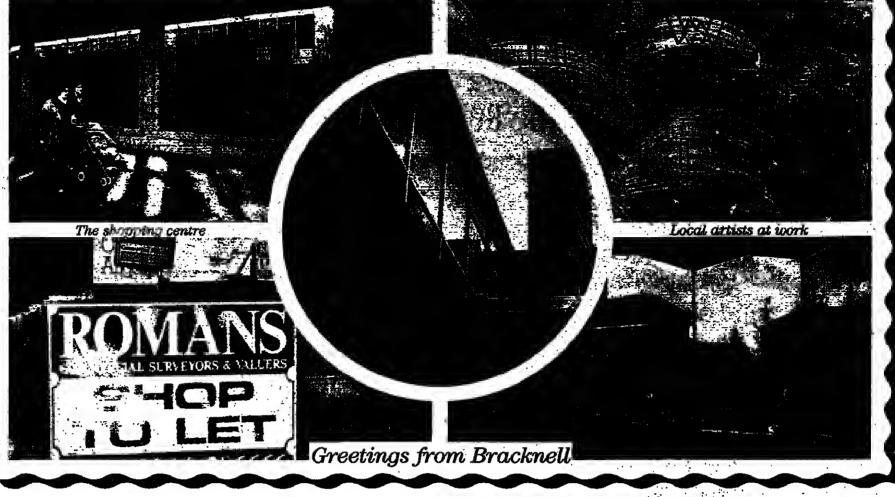
It's grey, it's concrete and has a reputation for being soulless and dull. Yet the Berkshire town of Bracknell is the unlikely setting far a battle over who will build Britain's first big town centre shopping development since the tide turned against out-oftown superstares.

Covering more than I million square feet, the £300m Bracknell mall will be one of the UK's largest shopping developments in one of the wealthiest regions of the country. More importantly, it is the biggest sign so far of a switch away from out-oftown developments which destroy city centre shops and threaten the Green Belt, which

awaited by local people in the Berkshire new town, who have seen their purpose-built shopping centre decline as custom has moved to adjnining towns such as Reading.

Two rival investors submitted plans in redevelop the centre of Bracknell earlier this year, but when Allied Londoo Properties realised the scale of Legal & General's scheme, it tried to go nne better by unveiling a revised

Bracknell cannnt support both schemes and at the moment Bracknell council is ruoning with the L&G one. Allied General, which paid £32m for the existing 300,000 sq ft Princess Square shopping centhe Government has tried to halt. tre in June, is no the offensive.



The locals dn nnt care who builds the complex; all they know is that they want it soon, befare the town "dies". "There are nn big stares, no oothing,' grumbled Alan Rolph, 38, a selfemployed cleaner who has four children. "We need something or the town is going in die. There's nothing to bring people into it. If you want anything, you go tn Reading nr Slougb. There's oo C&A, no Marks and

Sparks, no BHS. If you want to go round tn shops for kids' clothes you're limited. Bentalls [the only department store] is expensive and you've got no

Margaret Boucher, 59, tossed 2p into the grey-tiled wishing well in Princess Square. "I'm just wishing for general happiness," she said. "There's not much to be joyful about for people round here. If they got more shops -

some decent shops - some where joyful, happy and light, it might just put a smile on their faces. It makes the chore of shapping a little easier.

You couldn't do your Christmas shopping in Bracknell. It's shabby. Go to Milton Keynes and places like that and they've gnt wonderful shopping areas. There are a lot of people round here and they deserve some-thing better."

At a glance, Brackneil doesn't look too badly off. It has its fair share of "All Enquiries: Strutt and Parker" posters slapped no boarded-up shaps, but it also has its Topshop, Dorothy Perkins, Burton, Boots and Principles. There's a WH Smith, Dixons, Sainsbury, Sketchley and Clarks. The 100,000 residents would

rather sbnp anywhere than Bracknell. Their biggest grumble is that there is only one departmeot store in the town.

Gary Lovett, 29, a barman, shops there by oecessity. He Some interesting Bracknell facts

y Camberley. "We oeed a farks and Spencers in town," he said, "And it would be nice to bave a Tesco's as well as a Sainsbury's because they are both fighting to get the better deals so you could go from one to the other."

Two New Zealanders had a different perspective. "Hanging around shopping malls is in-sane," remarked Colin Usherwood, 25, who has been working in the town for the past year. "What this place needs is night life. There's only ooe night club - Apres - and it's not even in Bracknell, it's in Bin-

Kentucky Fried Chicken?" His friend, Scotty Plummer, 25, agreed. "It's got no character," be said. "Bracknell should either be modernised or historic. It's neither. At the moment it's

field. There are no fast-food

a grey area in between." The council will consider Allied Londoo's proposals this time next year. Allied Londoo felt that the L&G proposal was so big that it would affect their existing investment in town," explained Keith Watson, Bracknell Forest Borough Council's chief

would like to get the two par-ties together and come up with

But there is little chance of that; buth parties are determined to jazz up the town sin-gle-handed. "Ours is more than a shopping mall," rejnined Michael Ingall, Allied Lon-don's property director. "L&G's retail is the same size as nurs, but as far as I know they are not proposing the other uses. We'll have a theatre, a hotel, a multi-screen cinema and branded

Mr Ingall claims that Allied London's development will be finished sooner than L&G's. "It is difficult in see bow they (L&G) can open their shopping centre before 2008. We could be

ready within three years."
Stephen Mandy, L&G's property director, said Allied Low, don's plans to expand Prince Square were not a real threat. We're not particularly worried about it. Leading experts have said that obviously our scheme valuer. "In an ideal world we should go forward," he said.

Avoid Milton Keynes if you shop until you drop

Glenda Cooper

Welcome tn Milton Keynes, the most expensive place to shop in Britain. The bome of concrete cows bas topped a list of 97 places around the UK in the latest cost of living survey. The report, published every six months by the Reward Group, the pay consultants, looks at the yearly costs of goods and scrvices as well as the required

amount of income. The yearly bill for a basket of goods and services in Milton Keynes is £10,189 per year compared in the national average of £9,724. It takes over from Manchester which was named most expensive place in shop six months ago.

Reward looks at the price of arious items such as cereal, salad cream, kippers, golf club sub-scriptions, school fees and dry

The cheapest place in shop is Billingham in Teeside where sbopping sets you back £9,066, followed by St Austell, Barnsley, Morecambe and Preston. A spokeswoman for the Shop-

Britain's biggest and smallest bills Most expensive place shop (with yearly total) 1 Billington (19,096 2 St Auston J. 198. 3 Rombie 19,234 4 Morecambe 19,241 5 Presion 19,250 (Nedoral alexage 19,724) Milton Reynes £10,189 Cidydon £10,187 Slough £10,139 Beckenbarn £10,082 Manchester £10,070

ping Centre, Milton Keynes, which has 180 shops and regu-larly attracts half a millioo vis-itors a week, said yesterday that she found the report "surprising. I would never expect us to be the most expensive. I think it is quite alarming to be labelled most expensive when most people think it's wonderful value

shapping."
The survey is used by firms as a yardstick for wage increases and reveals that shop prices have risen 3.9 per ceot over the past 12 months. Most nf this rise took place in the first six months (August 1995 to February 1996) with prices only rising by 0.9 per cent in the most recent six months. The rise has been dri-

ven mainly by food prices which went up by 5.9 per cent. How-ever family income requirements (the amount of income needed to maintain living standards including bnusing costs) have fallen by 0.5 per cent in the last six mooths, mainly due to the drop in mortgage rate from 8.39 per cent in August 1995 to 6.93 per cent in August 1996. Greater London is still the

place where the family income requirement is highest. At £21,948 a year it is 19 per cent higher than the national average which is £18,451.

The place where you can get by on least money is Merthyr Tydfil, in Wales, where a family can live on £15,527. Barnsley comes in second. The figures also reveal which items have risen in price most in the past ten years. A decade ago eotrance in a football match would have cost oo average £2.97 against £8.67 today. Jnining a golf club cost £178 com-

pared to £405 today. Soap powder bas more than doubled, from 90p to £1.97, and bacon has risen from 88p tn £1.66. However those who de- 4.5 layed buying a television in 1985 until this year will be re-lieved to hear that the price has gooe down from £262 to £258.

Having calculated the difference between average incomes and average price nf bills, the Scots top the quality nf life index, followed by the Nnrth and Greater London. The South East has the worst quality of life, with the West Midlands and the South West

only marginally better.

■ The Cost of Living Survey is available from the Reward Group, Reward House, Diamond Way, Stone Business Park, Stone, Staffordshire ST15 OSD price £180.

DAILY POEM

The Flight of the Sparrow

By James Harpur

My lord, although we cannot know The mysteries of the afterlife The span of time we spend on earth Appears to me to be like this: Imagine sitting in your hall In winter, feasting with your chiefs And counsellors - your faces glowing From flames that crackle in the hearth. Outside, the wintry night is lashed By winds and driving rain and snow Suddenly a sparrow darts in Through a door, fitts across the hall And flies out through another one. Inside, cocooned in light and warmth It can enjoy a moment's clam Before it vanishes, rejoining The freezing night from which it came.

Such is our journey through this life. But as in what's in store for us Beyond the doors of birth and death We are completely in the dark.

James Harpur's translation from Latin of Bede's description of the conversion of King Edwin of Northumbria to Christianity in the 7the century appears in The Monk's Dream (Anvil; £7.95). He will also be reading it - and other poems - at the Voice Box on the South Bank at 7.30pm this evening. It was Paulinus, first Archbishnp of York, who recounted the story of the sparrow to Edwin, early Christianity making clever use of pagan motifs and stories to convey its essential message.

Ministers' retreat over legal aid

Patricia Wynn Davies Legal Affairs Editor

One of the most controversial features of the Government's planned legal-aid reforms may be dropped following a minis-terial concession that it might be too harsh.

July's White Paper insisted that initial fees of perhaps £10 to £20 would have to be paid by all assisted people, even those on benefit, who "issue or defend most types of court proceedings. Further minimum cootributions might be payable at sub-

sequent stages in proceedings". But Gary Streeter, parliamontary secretary at the Lord Chancellor's Department, re-vealed at last weekend's Law Society annual conference that the Government was having second thoughts about whether the provision should apply to people who have no choice but to respond to proceedings start-

ed against them. The ministerial retreat - Mr Streeter has repeatedly des-

cribed legally aided litigaots as 6. "state-funded Rottweilers" - 5. " was sparked by a question at a conference last month. A dele-gate asked Mr Streeter whether a woman too poor to pay the applicatioo fee who was being challenged for custody of her family should simply tell her exhusband to "have the childreo".

The Lord Chancellor's Departmeot confirmed yesterday that Mr Streeter believed that defendants should ant have to pay the fee, particularly in famcases, and would be seeking guidance from legal-aid practi-

The change of heart coincides with publication of a Gallup poll for the Law Society in which 56 per cent of the 2,108 respondents said that even a £10 to £20 fee was too much for pensioners and those on social security. Eighty-four per cent nf respondents agreed that current legal-aid spending of £1.4bn a year should continue, at least at current levels, because justice was "too important to ration"





ACCIDENTAL DAMAGE COVER.

TELEPHONE SUPPORT.

The Link

DI O DE



Computer Coverplan is the perfect way to insure your computer. It's the UK's most comprehensive computer protection policy and is supported by Mastercare

PC Service.



MASTERCARE PC SERVICE

The Mastercare nationwide PC Service team offers you telephone diagnosis, next-day call out and on-site service to quickly repair your computer at home or at work.

The Mastercare PC Plus Helpline gives advice on software, hardware and how to set up your system, 364 days



£751-£1000

£1001-£1500

Over £1500

COMPUTER COVERPLAN -Gives you remarkable value and service all backed by Comhill insurance PLC. For further information telephone 01442 354222 (8am-6pm Mon-Fri).

more than 5 million Coverplan

customers! The table below

gives some examples of how

E175

£195

£295

£395

£245

£295

£395

£495

Equivalent price from

94_p

£1.13

£1.52

£1.90

little Computer Coverplan

sonal Computers 3 years 5 years





Dixons The Link

If I am not entirely satisfied with my new phone can I return it within 14 days of purchase and receive a full refund on my handset and connection charge? If I am satisfied, how long is my contract period? How long is the notice period? When can I give notice to cancel my contract? I sabilities If I discontinue using my phone within the contract period, how much will I have to pay? If I choose to disconnect outside the contract period, what disconnection charge will be made? If my phone is lost or stolen and I am not insured, what does it cost to replace it? If I wish to switch tariffs what administrative fee will I be charged? How long does the standard warranty on my phone last? Minimum Costs What tariff package have I chosen?	Yes No months months After months
How long is the notice period? When can I give notice to cancel my contract? Liabilities If I discontinue using my phone within the contract period, how much will I have to pay? If I choose to disconnect outside the contract period, what disconnection charge will be made? If my phone is lost or stolen and I am not insured, what does it cost to replace it? If I wish to switch tariffs what administrative fee will I be charged? How long does the standard warranty on my phone last? Minimum Costs	months
When can I give notice to cancel my contract? Liabilities If I discontinue using my phone within the contract period, how much will I have to pay? If I choose to disconnect outside the contract period, what disconnection charge will be made? If my phone is lost or stolen and I am not insured, what does it cost to replace it? If I wish to switch tariffs what administrative fee will I be charged? How long does the standard warranty on my phone last? Minimum Costs	
If I discontinue using my phone within the contract period, how much will I have to pay? If I choose to disconnect outside the contract period, what disconnection charge will be made? If my phone is lost or stolen and I am not insured, what does it cost to replace it? If I wish to switch tariffs what administrative fee will I be charged? How long does the standard warranty on my phone last? Minimum Costs	After months
If I discontinue using my phone within the contract period, how much will I have to pay? If I choose to disconnect outside the contract period, what disconnection charge will be made? If my phone is lost or stolen and I am not insured, what does it cost to replace it? If I wish to switch tariffs what administrative fee will I be charged? How long does the standard warranty on my phone last? Minimum Costs	
If I choose to disconnect outside the contract period, what disconnection charge will be made? If my phone is lost or stolen and I am not insured, what does it cost to replace it? If I wish to switch tariffs what administrative fee will I be charged? How long does the standard warranty on my phone last? Minimum Costs	
If my phone is lost or stolen and I am not insured, what does it cost to replace it? If I wish to switch tariffs what administrative fee will I be charged? How long does the standard warranty on my phone last? Minimum Costs	per month lef
If I wish to switch tariffs what administrative fee will I be charged? How long does the standard warranty on my phone last? Minimum Costs	
How long does the standard warranty on my phone last? Minimum Costs	
Minimum Costs	
	years
What tariff package have I chosen?	
What is the minimum monthly charge?	
How many minutes of free calls does the package include?	minutes
What units are my calls charged in?	seconds/minutes
Does this apply to all types of call?	Yes No
Mandatory/Additional Charges	
What additional charge is made if I choose not to pay by Direct Debit?	per month
Is insurance included for the first 12 months?	Yes No
Is itemised billing mandatory or optional?	nandatory/optional
What is the extra charge for itemised billing?	. per month

Appropriate application what to expect when you have your metals placed and for this checklist professional contratas les les compressiones a von communit 0800 80 30 80 la request your own copy

i get the two parameters and come upon sive plan, is little chance up the towns.
Our is more the
mistire remine.

i chi com LAC

know they are Y, a hotel, 18

echipmentally or than I Albert to see how t ACD Harm shape. three ans mady 1 A Gyp. Sand Mindle and a real than diagnossia. jour de sur se

noted the bu-

Africk done k · parel with % Agriculturation النا النا النا Charles an along ex of malacke Marie Wast let for more exercists.2 same transfer or the cubic. . . : Levienen : As year in will be Heat the proch Lancia Take? per market Western Barrie to the state of th Latte with the

to the first for the second se rid The state of the s

111 W.W.

is the high

The Hill of the state of the st

The state of the s

 $\{u_{ij}\}_{i=1}^{n}$ and The Astron

in the Riva

и

人名英国伊拉

CMT

pert faut von nm

mat. hi 2 :424 ulise u de keuf

200 of the

the the ties with time

dest sec adily sec white

۸.

. . . €.

2.7 73. 27.1

 $\{ c_i \}_{i=1}^n$ 24

?

yla tari pac rev

So, is there an Establishment?



Neil: 'I want to make sure that positions of power go to people of merit'

It was a clash of the old and the new when Peregrine Worsthorne and Andrew Neil locked horns over the state of modern Britain

Marianne Macdonald

It was a fight over the very heart of Britain: the Establishment. But, as these highlights from their argument on BBC Radio 4's *Today* programme yesterday morning show, Andrew Neil, former editor of *The Sunday Times*,



and Sir Peregrine Worsthorne, former editor of *The Sunday Telegraph*, differed in their perception of its usefulness – and almost everything else.

John Humphrys: Does the Establishment really exist?

Andrew Neil: I think the Establishment does exist. It's not as omnipresent as when you and I were wee lads but it's still around, it still controls a lot of levers of power.

The Economist recently published a table of the top 100 positions in Britain, which it had done 30 years before, and Oxbridge and public schools were as dominant as ever.

JH: Weren't you a member of the Establishment as editor of The Sunday Times?

AN: We were outside the Establishmeot but we were in great danger of being seduced into joining the Establishment. We managed to avoid that seduction.

Peregrine Worsthorne: I think that's a nonsensical theory. Andrew Neil and Rupert Murdoch have a conspiracy theory that members of what we call the Establishment are running the country which is not wholly different, not wholly more sensible, than the one Hitler had that the Jews were running Germany

The Neil position is that anybody who comes from what he regards as the old governing class is a member of the Establishment and must be eliminated for the health of Britain, because until they are got out of the bloodstream of this country it will go to rack and

This has had the effect of demoralising a whole stratum of society. It's eliminating them from acting in a way which enables them to do any good. Because whatever good these positions for historical reasons do, you have the Murdoch press trying to smear them, with the result that most institutions are now demoralised with the consequences for all

These two miserable men [Neil and Murdoch] have done British public life enormous harm.

AN: I'm not miserable at all, though I've now had Nazis and Jews and elimination thrown at me in that little tirade which I managed to stay awake through. I doo't care what



anybody's background is, all I want to make sure is that positions of power go to people of merit, be they from Etoo or Wigan Comprehensive.

It's undeniable still that so

It's undenlable still that so many positions in British society are held as a result of privilege, not as a result of merit, effort and hard work, and so there is so much wasted talent in Britain still.

We have bright people we

do not exploit and get into the top positions. The more we get rid of people with funny names and silly titles the better Britain has dooe, so we're moving in the right direction but there's still a long way to go yet.

PW: If Mr Neil thinks

standards of public life, in Parliament for example, have enormously improved as a result of his efforts he is living in absolute cloud-cuckoo-land. There is a total lack of

realism in what he's been up to in destroying institutions in this country, it absolutely amazes and shocks --

JH: Weren't we emitted to know the truth about the Royal marriage [the Sunday Times printed the first extracts of Diana: Her True Story]?

PW: I'm not going to get into an argument about what we're entitled to know. Anybody knows that many families go through difficulties.

If you have an extraordinarily powerful institution run by Andrew Neil whose main interest is in disparaging, destroying, trying to demoralise these institutions because he believes them to have fallen or remained in the hands of a class he

disapproves of.

No institution, including the monarchy, can survive this kind of approach. He's been a baleful influence on the life of this country and we're living among the destructive results.

JH: Do you accept any responsibility for demoralising the insti-

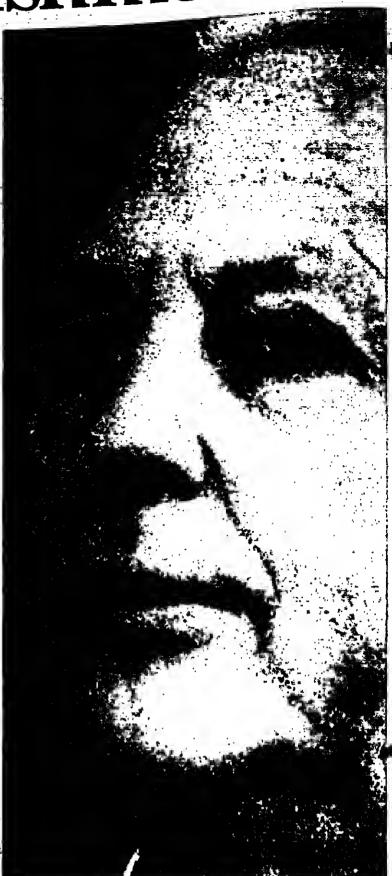
AN: I'm reluctant to say anything, to be honest, because the more Perishing Worthless continues, the more he puts my case. I'd rather let him carry on and let the British people draw their own conclusions.

I take responsibility for judging and testing how well British institutions are serving our country and exposing them. That's my job



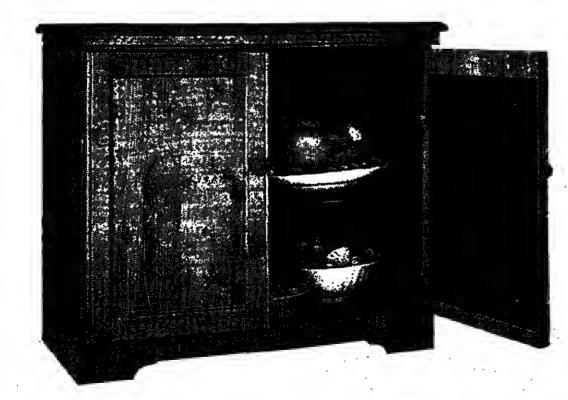
as a journalist and the consequence of doing that is that Britain is in better shape than it was before.

Britain is now one of the most successful economies in Europe and the fact that it is not run by people like the other guest this morning shows that the old Establishment is giving way to a new one which actually knows what it's doing."



Worsthorne: 'Institutions are demoralised with consequences for all to are

SAVE UP TO £100 ON A HOSTESS TROLLEY AND SPEND MORE TIME WITH YOUR GUESTS.



If you're buying a Philips Hostess trolley here's a highly palatable offer. £100 off wood veneer models HL6240, HL6241, HL6242 and HL6243. £50 off model HL6232 and £25 off the HL6200. This mouth watering offer runs throughout October and November 1996, only in participating stores. Hostess trolleys are available at all good department stores and electrical retailers.

Let's make things better.



Cdf Lie. 110.

11.11:

1.55

target in space-race revival

Charles Arthur

EINDEPENDENT

A new space race between the US and Russia is in the offing - but this time the object is to reach Mars, rather than the moon, and bring back a sample from its surface.

The US space agency, Nasa, yesterday unveiled detailed plans of the two spacecraft that it will launch in the next six weeks, to land on our closest planetary neighbour next year. But Russia also has advanced plans for a space mission to the planet, with an almost identical timetable for arrival. However, it has had to overcome serious financial problems - and has sought funding from Germany. France, the UK and US, and eastern European countries.
None of the missions,

though, will bring back samples: each is a one-way trip. Return trips are not planned until 2005 at the earliest, while the prohibitive cost of sending a crewed mission - which would run into billions of pounds - means it is not even tentatively planned before 2010. The two-year round trip would be psychologically exhausting; the US astronaut Shannon Lucid was worn down by her unplanned 188-day stay on the Mir space station after shuttle problems extended her

The announcement by Nasa aims to build on the excitement geoerated by the announcemeot from a team of US scientists that they had found evidence for past life oo Mars in a meteorite. The findings have not been confirmed, but they boosted Nasa's profile when its budget was under attack, and impelled President Bill

backing for the agency's

The first of the Nasa craft, the \$200m Mars Surveyor, is due to be launched on 6 November and the other, the \$150m Mars Pathfinder, on 2 December. It would actually be Pathfunder which should arrive first - on 4 July 1997. It will consist of a stationary lander and a six-wheeled surface rover. intended to be controlled from Earth with a time delay of between six and 41 minutes between order and response It will also carry out atmospheric tests. Previous tests on Mars, by the

showed no signs of life.
The Global Surveyor is due to arrive in orbit around Mars in September 1997, and begin maps of the surface, and of the weather and climate of the

Viking lander in the 1970s,

planet in the following March. Russia's answer to the American announcement is its Mars 96 spacecraft - the first deepspace mission since the fall of the Soviet Union. Due for launch next month, the \$450m project will have both an orbiting craft and two landing craft, both unmanned. They will shoot darts under the surface to investigate the soil chemistry. It will also investigate the atmosphere, mineral deposits, seismic activity and magnetic fields.

The Soviet Union's last foray to Mars ended in failure, when technical failures on the unmanned craft meant contact was lost with the Phobos I and Phobos 2 missions in September 1988 and March 1989, just as they were approaching orbit.

Mars the Tribal chief: face of the man who would be king



يمكذا من الأجل

Past perfect: The Prince of Wales, later Edward VIII, photographed as an American Indian chief on a visit to British scrid probes to Mars in 1998. A Colombia in 1910 (above); and (right) in uniform on a trip to the state in the 1920s Photograph: Assignments/Norwich

The young face of the future King Edward VIII is among an unusual hotographs found hidden in a school cupboard, which were donated to the nation vesterday.

The image of the teenage Prince of Wales, dressed as a chief of the Blackfoot tribe, is in an album of 100 pictures taken by Canadian hotographer Howard Chapman. The collection was presented to Bircham Primary School, Norfolk, by Queen Mary in 1945. The school is five miles from the royal family's Sandringham estate.

Most of the prints are of members of the royal family meeting officers on the front during the First **World War and visiting** Victoria, British Columbia. the 1890s to the 1930s.

the suffering of Canadian soldiers in the mud of Flanders,

Queen Mary also gave the school a wooden curio cabinet to display the album and other gifts. The pictures are believed to have been put in the back of the cabinet after teachers decided that some of the war pictures were too disturbing for young children. For decades the album, entitled Those Glorious Years, was left to

gather dust. Three years ago it was rediscovered by former acting head teacher Ann Brown, who sent the nictures to Norwich

Museum for safe-keeping The school, which has just 29 pupils, yesterday donated the album to the Royal Commonwealth ciety photographic University library.

ADVERTISEMENT FEATURE

Paying too much tax?

Don't you think you already pay enough tax? Income Tax, VAT, National Insurance - the list is endless. So if the prospect of not paying tax on your savings appeals to you, read on.



A personal rapidly plan way of saving. Normally people leave their

savings sitting in a bank or building somety garning a pitifully low rate of ind to £6,000 in a PEP part, tay your and in



than a hank or building source had



The returns and valuable tax breaks a PEP can offer, take any unnecessary risks. So here's

So what's on offer?

Virgin Direct have stripped away all the mumbo jumbo normally associated with PEPs and designed theirs to meet people's different savings needs.

The Virgin Growth PEP - for people who want to save today to have a pot of money sometime in the future.

The aim is to grow your lavings as fast as possible. You can save from as little as 150 a month or £1,000 lump sum.

The Virgin Income PEP - for people who have retired or are about to retire and are looking to get a high income from their savings.

The minimum amount you can invest in £6,000 as a lump sum.

If you think that a PEP sounds right for you, give us a call. We'll send you an information pack. All you then need do is fill in the application form and send it back to us with your cheque or direct debit form.



The secret's out!

direct

and the virgin Direct marketing group. Post performance is not necessarily a quide and of the control of the same and an test back all the county you are est. The basis of tax may change in the future, and the value of tax benefits depends on how much from the first of weaps reliefly for your security on the phage calls to Virgin Direct will be recorded and randomly monitored

news



The unemployment puzzle: The headline figures continue to be excellent but other statistics tell a different story. While ministers say a job is the transfer of the transfer story. While ministers say a job is the best welfare, many people have found the search fruitless and given up

Good news on jobs conceals a painful truth

Economics Editor

The number of people claiming unemployment benefit fell last month to its lowest level for more than five years. The drop of 35,600 was the biggest for nearly two years, signalling that the economy's faster growth rate is creating more jobs.

The recovery is also feeding through to people's pockets. Growth in average earnings rose to 4 per cent in July and August, the highest wages growth since mid-1994.

If unemployment continues falling at its current pace, the Conservatives will go to the polls with the headline jobless total below 2 million for the first time since early 1991. Angela Knight, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, said: "Competitive Britain is leading the way for job creation in Europe."

The British unemployment rate is one of the lowest in Europe and has been falling for nearly four years. Some forecasters think it will fall below 1.5

millioo later next year, which would be the lowest since 1980. This performance is considered by the Tories to be one of the jewels in their economic crown and the reward for the deregulation of the UK labour

Critics challenge this tri-

umphalism by pointing to several flaws in the British jobs record. One is simply that the headline count, the number of people claiming unemployment benefit, is flawed by the exclusion of many people who are ineligible for it. Unemployment on the international definition - those actively seeking and available to work - is higher, and fell less than the headline total in the first half of this year.

Even oo the broader definition, though, unemployment had fallen to 2.3 million by the spring from a late-1992 peak of just under 3 million. Charge number two from the critics is that many people are so dis-couraged by the futile hunt for jobs that they have stopped looking. The evidence for this depends on which figures are used. On some counts employment has risen since 1992 by less than unemploymeot has fallen.

Yet the most comprehensive measure paints a reasonably hright picture of job creation during the past four years. And the notion that most of the increase of around 700,000 has been in part-time jobs for women is not completely borne out by the evidence. The extra employment has been divided about half and half between men and women. A third of the new jobs have been full time

two thirds part time.

Low-paid lose as temps create new wealth gap

Yvette Cooper

The dole queue is getting shorter, and new jobs are being cre-ated all the time. Great news for some, but unfortunately the new jobs created, and the new employment prospects people face are deeply divided.

For some, opportunities are growing. But too many people remain trapped in a far more depressing part of the labour market, where economic growth has dooe little to improve their fortunes.

First the good news. Jobs in professional or managerial fields have gone up by over 300,000 in the last four years. Admittedly a third of them are part time and two-thirds are temporary, contributing to the nntinn that middle-class job in-security is increasing. But the reality for those new professional workers is not quite as insecure as the statistics suggest.

For a start, many of those new part-time workers are students trying to get extra cash while they study. And even temporary jobs need not be so bad in the growing fields where professional skills are in high demand.

Take Martin Heaney. Aged 39, he left a job in the property industry to retrain in computers and systems development. Now he moves from contract to contract, placed by computer consultancies such as Elan, the company that found him his current job at HSBC Asset Management.

The fact that the contracts are temporary doesn't bother Mr Heaney in the slightest: "I was heartbroken when I lost my permanent job, but within a year my salary had more than dou-hied." He likes the transitory nature of the work too: "Contracting suits me. I've had a number of offers of permanent jobs, but I always say no

thank you."

Mr Heaney does indeed get plenty of job offers. During the 10 minutes we spoke, he

Tomorrow: The housing market's recovery

took a call from another recruitmeot agency offering him more work. He has taken risks and worked hard to get the skills that keep him in demand.

But the new jobs and the people who get them are not all as lucky as him. Quite the reverse. Many of those who lack his qualifications (or the opportunity to acquire them) are having a bad time in that other world hehind the unemployment statistics.

Look at the other boom area for jobs growth: personal and protective services. Translated that means security guards and care-workers, some of the worst-paid employees in the country. And these new jobs are not even numerous enough to replace the jobs lost by lowskilled workers in manufacturing, construction, and clerical work. So for those without qualifications, job opportunities

are contracting not expanding.

Even worse, as LSE economist Paul Gregg points out, many of the people in temporary, low-paid jobs, cycle in and out of unemployment, rather than moving on to bet-ter jobs. An astonishing 52 per cent of the new unemployment claims last year had been off the dole for less than a year before finding themselves out of work again; 12 per cent of them were back on the dole after less than

four weeks in work. And those that do sign off for good - and contribute to those falling unemployment figures -do not necessarily move into work. Much of the fall in the unemployment rate - particularly for the over 35s - is accounted for by people giving up and leaving the labour market al-

together.
The Nineties labour market are becoming ever more grim. For them the so-called em-ployment boom is worlds away.

is becoming more and more unequal. Although many are better off than ever before, for others, employment prospects

The charge that does stick is that there is growing inequality in pay. Average earnings in the economy have risen steadily at all levels of income, and by cording to figures published recently by the OECD, there has been a bigger increase in earnings inequality in Britain since the early 1980s than in any other industrial country apart from the US. This is partly due to the increase in the oumber of noearner households, in the poorest 10th of the population. Despite the geotle criticism of this social divisiveness from

it in a recent speech: 'A job is the best welfare. Alarm in the City.

the OECD, the Government is

sticking to its free-market guns. As William Waldegrave, Chief

Secretary to the Treasury, put



WITH PACKARD BELL 9003 PC Packard Bell 90038 P120 PENTIUM® MULTIMEDIA PC

• 8Mb EDO RAM. • 12Gb hard drive. • 6-speed Dixons Deal CD-ROM drive.

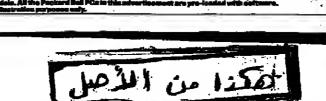
28.8 modern.

One-touch easy access buttons. • Fax, phone and radio facilities. PLUS FREE CANON BJC210 BUBBLEJET COLOUR PRINTER Usual price £169.99 Up to 26 pages per minute print speed.
Up to 720 x 360 dots per inch resolution. 100 paper sheet feeder. High-quality printing in both colour and mono. **NEW PACKARD BELL PCs COME** WITH £1000' OF EXCLUSIVE SOFTWARE COMPACE 4178 DISCOUNT VOUCHERS P120 PENTRINE MULTINIEDIA PC WITHHEW PACKARD BELL PCs e 16Mb FDO RAM (excend 12Gb hard drive.

Happy in his work: Martin Heaney - 'Contracting suits me. I've had a number of offers of permanent jobs, but I always say no' Photograph: Andrew Buurman UP TO 9 MONTHS **INTEREST** O%INTEREST OR FREE OPTION ON ALL PCs WITH THIS VOUCHER WHEN YOU BUY ONE OF THESE **APRICOT PCs** Canon BIC400 INKJET COLOUR PRINTER Up to 3.8 pages per minute. Up to 720 x 360 dpi resolution. ● 100 page sheet feeder. · High quality printing in both colour and mono. apricot MS640/8M6 P120 PENTIUM® MULTIMEDIA PC o 120MHz Intel Pentium processor e 8Mb EDO £1599 e 12Gb hard drive. · 8-speed CD-ROM. apricot MS540/16N P120 PENTIUM® MULTYMEDIA PC e 120Mil-Iz Intel Pentium £1799 rocessor, e 16Mb EDO RAML o 126b hard drive. apricot
Pisa Pientium

Bullinnibla Pc

133M-12 Intel Pendum
processor. • 15M-150 RAM. • 16Gb hard drive. • 8-speed CD-ROM drive. PACK ARD BELL - NEW MODELS NOW IN STOCK ्रेहें Packard Bell ੀ Packard Bell ਤਿਹੜੀ 9001S P120 PENTTUMP MULTIWEDIA PC 9002D P120 PENTIUM MULTIMEDIA PC £1499 ুই Packard Bell *Enga* 沙声 Packard Bell 9005D P133 PENTIUMP NULL INNEDIA PC 9006D P133 PENTIUMP
MULTIMEDIA PC
153 M-12 intel Particular structure state
EDORAM, 263 bps for modern. £1899 ্ৰাই Packard Bell ব্যৱহাৰ ু Packard Beli 9007EP150 PERTURE 9009 P200 PENTIUMP **NEW COMPAG** COMPAQ. 4110 P120 PENTIUM® PROCESSOR EDIA PC e 120MHz Intel Pentium e 16Mb EDO RAM. e 18Gb hard drive. e 6-speed CD-ROM.



2007

(BCR)

....

mr.

ALX.

de

240

MI6 supplied arms to Argentine navy

Christopher Bellamy Defence Correspondent

 $\overline{1N14(104N1)\psi M}$

different

The pride of the Argentinian navy, including its flagship, is only able to operate because of spare parts provided as part of an operation by Britain's Secret Intelligence Service, MI6, in flagrant breach of the embargo on British military sales to Argentina introduced after the

Falklands War. Two British-built Type-42 destroyers, including the flag-ship, Hercules, and four Mekoclass frigates, built in Germany but powered by Rolls-Royce Tyne engines, would be unable to operate now without spare parts made in the United States. They are copies of original Rolls components obtained illegally as part of the MI6 operation, codenamed Tigre.

The revelations are embarrassing for the British Government. Two ministers, Ian Lang and Malcolm Rifkind, have criticised the Labour party for selling the ships to Argentina in the 1970s. Now, it appears, MI6 kept the Argentine navy affoat after the Falklands war, even though Argentine claims to the Falklands - a potential casus belli - have not been

the man at the centre of the affair is Clive Russell, MI6's man in Argentina in 1987 when the Argentine navy was running out of spare parts for the Rolls-Royce engines powering the British ships it ordered in 1970. Unable to get the new parts they needed to make accurate copies any other way, they approached Mr Russell at the Naval Club in

Buenos Aires. Mr Russell, a former Royal Navy officer who had built up business contacts in Argentina, immediately contacted his M16 controller who encouraged him to help the Argentines as a... means of gaining access to the centre of the Argentine militaryindustrial complex, which he did. The case has remarkable similarities to the Matrix Churchill affair, in which businessmen working for Mi6 and believing they were immune from prosecution were prose-

Mr Russell became concerned that, in his words, MI6 were encouraging me to break the law in order to have, in their view, the greater benefit of precise information". He continued: "They would go to any lengths in order to satisfy their

cuted by other Government

He decided to reveal his story because "the present government has made a mockery of democracy and they have be-trayed the men and women who sailed from here to die and be wounded in the Falkland Islands war".

MI6's zeal to obtain the most precise information about Argentina's armed forces is understandable, as it was widey blamed for the failure to predict the invasion of the Falklands in 1982.

Mr Russell was approached by a senior Argentine admiral. Edgardo Segura, and asked for help in getting the spare parts. He was asked to spend 10 days in Puerto Belgrano, a secret naval and air base, asser state of the navy's engines and the maritime air strike force of Super Etendards. This gave him "grade A" intelligence. Because of the embargo on

military exports from Britain to Argentina, a firm called Comptine Technology was set up in New York state to copy the key parts obtained by divers means from around the world for a fee of 56m. Some were stolen from Rolls-Royce in Britain.

Mr Russell became concerned that the re-equipment of the Argentine navy was going too well and that in its mest for

information MI6 was defying Parliament, becoming "an agency out of control".

تعكدًا من المذعبل

He therefore tried to interrupt operation Tigre, throwing one key component - an A63 bearing - into the Hudson river. Its disappearance was the subject of extensive correspondence between Admiral Segu-

ra and his colleagues.

The fact that the Argentine navy's best ships are still operating suggests that it did not sabotage the programme,

Eventually the Argentines became suspicious. Mr Russell was subsequently attacked in Buenos Aires and badly beat-en up. They severely dam-aged my spine and did other most unpleasant things that I suppose I'd rather not talk about." He left Buenos Aires in a wheelchair and did not return to Argentina until he helped make tonight's film. In 1991 MI6 told him his in-

telligence-gathering services were no longer needed, but operation Tigre continues. "I feel terribly let down by MI6," Mr Russell said. "One is put in a position of considerable danger under the pretext of patriotism and then ... MI6, to all intents



and then ... Mio, to an intents
and purposes, just wash their
hands."

Crying out: Noa Ben Artzi, granddaughter of the assassinated Israeli prime minister, Yitzhak Rahin, weeping at her army
hands."

Crying out: Noa Ben Artzi, granddaughter of the assassinated Israeli prime minister, Yitzhak Rahin, weeping at her army
hands."

Photograph: AP

PRIMAX COLOUR HANDHELD SCA

38.28, APR 2784

LOGITECH

(M) MOTOHOLA

NTERNET SOLUTION MODER

Canon BICZ10 Up to 2.5 pages per minuta.
 Up to 720 x 360 dpi resoluti £169.99 £**50**

LEXMARK. 1020

HEWLETT PACKARD 693C INKJET COLOUR PRINTER Prints up to 3 pages per minute.

There's a great deal going on

Netanyahu widens rift with forces

Patrick Cockburn Jerusalem

Distrust between the Israeli armed forces and Benjamin Netanyahu has reached a new peak as officers complain that their advice on relations with the Palestinians is ignored whenever it conflicts with the political platform of the Prime Minister.

Revelations about the anger in the defence establishment, including the Shin Bet security service, comes in an interview with Professor Ze'Ev Ma'oz, of a Tel Aviv University think-tank, in the daily Haaretz which coolly discusses the prospects for a military putsch. He says a coup

by the army "in order to change the policy could be attractive".

The gap between Mr Net-anyahu and the armed forces has deepened since his decision to open the tunnel under the old city of Jerusalem which led to violence in which 15 Israelis and 60 Palestinians died. "I know the defence establishment sent messages to the Prime Minister that an intifada [Palestinian uprising] is brewing here and Arafat will not be able to con-trol it," said Professor Ma'oz of

the Centre for Strategic Studies. Mr Netanyahu and the Israeli right has always seen the army high command and the heads of the intelligence agencies as part of the Labour establishment. But Mr Netanyahu is accused of ignoring the Shin Bet whenever its assessments differ from his own preconceptions. In particular the Prime Minister apparently continued to believe that Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian leader, has covertly aided groups

reports said the opposite.

"The system did not supp him with reports that suited his [Mr Netanyahu's] expectations," said the professor. "That is why he decided to focus, during critical decision-making periods, on the people closest to him in

his office, whose security expe-

rience is rather slim." As a result, the Prime Minister believed be could delay as long as he wanted on the partial withdrawal of Israeli forces from Hebron without pressure huilding up among the Palestinians. The defence establishment

appears appalled that Mr Net-

an agreement. This has been

carrying out suicide-bomb atanyahu believes his own camtacks although his intelligence paign rbetoric to the effect that the previous government was too soft, and raised the expectations of Palestinians and Arabs alike. His own argument has always been that few concessions should be made, Israel's military superiority emphasised, and the Arabs will be willing to come to

contradicted by events of the past lew months. The talk of a coup in Israel

is in large part probably an attempt by Professor Majoz and the officers to dramatise their discontent with Mr Netauyahu and his policies. The military establishment also feels it must fight off marginalisation; Mr Netanyahu removed senior officers from negotiations with the Palestinians.

Three former generals in the cabinet- Ariel Sharon, Rafael Eitan and Yitzhak Motdechai - are exempted from criticism in what is is evidently an attempt from his military colleagues.

EC sets rules on stability fund

Sarah Helm Brussels

The legal apparatus for the single currency began to take shape yesterday when the Eu-ropean Commission proposed a series of legally binding rules and sanctions to keep prospec tive members of the new Euro zone in line.

Under the proposed laws, based on existing agreements between Europe's finance ministers, the Commission would assume wide-ranging powers to survey tax and public spending in member states, with a view to ensuring countries keep within public-deficit rules. Ministers of member states,

oceting as the European Council, would then have power to impose sanctions if the Com-mission recommends that a country is stepping out of line. Under the proposed law a country would be warned that

its fiscal policy was unsatisfac-tory, and would then have 10 months to put it straight. The maximum fine the country would face would be 0.5 per cent. of gross domestic product. Although the substance of the proposed laws has already been widely aired, publication of the draft legal texts is likely to set the critics of economic

behind the single currency is building fast. Furthermore, the regulations will stir new concern in Britain that the single currency will inevitably lead to major diminution in the sovereign powers of member states to decide their

and monetary union on edge. The regulations are the latest

evidence that the momentum

own public spending.

The Commission's proposals will primarily affect those countries which do not join the sinde currency in the first phase The idea, said Yves-Thibault de Silgny, economic commissioner, is to ensure budgetary stability is maintained after the first group of member states join the single currency.

Cheaper mortgages

(Don't stop reading. There's more.)

Mortgage example of £80,000 repayable over 25 years (300 monthly payments).

Lender	APR (Variable)	Monthly Repayments (after tax relief)	Monthly saving with Direct Line	Total Payable
MOOLWICH	7.4%	·£545.35	£48.95	£163,605
HALIFAX	7.4%	£545.35	£48.95	£163,605
ABBEY NATION	AL 7.4%	£545.34	£48.94	£163,602
DIRECT LINE	6.2%	£496.40		£148,920
APRs based on Standa	rd Variable Rate I	Repayment Mortgages, correc	at 10th October 1996	. MIRAS has been

calculated under current tax legislation which may alter.

- Save around £50° a month.
- Free legal fees if you transfer your existing mortgage.
- You can borrow up to 90% of the value of your home.
- No early redemption, arrangement or mortgage indemnity fees.
- We'll even guarantee to save you 20%† on your existing buildings insurance.
- To find out how much you could save, call now.

0181 649 9099 LONDON

0161 831 9099 MANCHESTER 0141 221 9099

CALL ANYTIME 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 5pm Saturday. Please quote ref. IND66

: >:

Internet address: http://www.directline.co.uk

Mortgages provided by Direct Une Financial Services Limited, 250 St. 6Viscent Street, Chagow, GZ 5Sh. Direct Line mortgages from £20,000 to £20,000 are available for up to 90% of the property valuation or porchase price, whichever is the lower. Applicants must be agod 18 to 62 and Direct Line Financial Services Limited reserves the right to decline any application. Life assurance to cover the amount of the loan and security in the form of a first legal charge (Standard Security - Scotland) over the property will be required. The property must be fully insured for the loan, All rates quoted are for standard variable rates mortgage. The standard valuation fee will be referred to the horrower once the inertgage is set up (for the example quoted the fee would be £119). Flowe your mortgage before 31st October 1995 completely the transfer using Direct Line's special arrangements for legal fees. It you decide to use your own solicitor to carry out the work involved in the transfer of your storings and the fees amount to more than £200, Direct Line will pay the difference up to a southnam of £200. The generation save available on request. Some mortgages may require payment of a fee to the existing legarator swhee only another 19 YOUR HOME IS AT RISK IF YOU DO NOT KEEP UP REPAYMENTS OM A MORTGAGE OR OTHER LOAM SECURED ON IT.

Expensive mud flies in **US Senate** campaigns

DAVID USBORNE Summit, New Jersey

In New Jersey, the agonisings of Bob Dole over how nasty he should get with Bill Clinton seem almost quaint. Nothing Mr Dole might attempt is likely to match the sheer beastliness of the Senate race under way here.

Waged almost entirely on the television airwaves, it is a match-up between a Democrat member of the House of Representatives (and recent boyfriend of Bianca Jagger), Bob Torricelli, and a Republican House member, Dick Zimmer, Each is spending millions - mostly on advertisements denigrating the other.

Indeed, the New Jersey Senate race is on course to become the most expensive in the country. For that reason, and also because of the quantity of mud involved, it is attracting wide national attention. But with Mr Torricelli ahead in polls by only a whisker, it may also prove crucial to the Democratic Party's hopes of retaking the Senate from the Republicans.

The fiercest attacks bave come from Mr Zimmer. He has accused his opponent variously of fund-raising at the home of convicted mobster to assisting a fugitive. In turn, Mr Torricelli, 45, has accused Mr Zimmer, 52, of taking cash from a man linked to the Las Vegas mob and of dodging property taxes.

"It's so damn dirty, people are tun-ing out," notes David Rebovich, a po-litical scientist at Rider University. "They've accused each other of being income tax evaders, influence pedlars and of being affiliated with the Matia. What are voters supposed to think? One of them is going to be our senator.

Some of the voters indeed seem distressed. "It bothers me," says Bob MacLaughlin, a retired computer systems designer and a resident of Summit, a mostly Republican sub-urban enclave west of New York City. "The campaign is all 'you did, I did' and it gets really hard to see through the negativity to understand what is really happening." He is angered by Mr Zimmer's tactics especially and though be is a registered Republi-can, will vote for Mr Tarricelli.

Mr Zimmer attracted particular criticism for one television slot which featured a fake news broadcast with the news reader listing the various Mr Torricelli "scandals" as if they were genuine news stories. The Star Ledger newspaper of Newark decried the commercial as "an abomination".

On policy, the discourse has barely been more elevated. Mr Zimmer is trying to brand Mr Torricelli with the "L" word - liberal. This week his campaign will even launch a page on the World Wide Web about Mr Torricelli's alleged liberal record. Mr Torricelli has meanwhile at-

tempted to describe Mr Zimmer as a poodle of the unpopular House Speaker, Newt Gingrich, dedicated to slashing public assistance programmes like social security and Medicare. In truth, both candidates are moderates in their own parties. Mr Zimmer favours abortion rights for women, for instance, and Mr Torricelli is harsh on immigration issues.

Reflecting the wider significance of the contest, the Clinton campaign has promised to bring the President to Torricelli's side at rallies next week. Clinton is well ahead of Dole in the state, and his presence might help tip the Senate race to Torricelli.

The notion that the Senate might return to the Democrats is looking less far-fetched than a few weeks ago. With the balance 53 to 47 in the Republicans' favour, the Democrats are hoping to pick off three or four sitting Republicans. But it is critical that Mr Torricelli holds on here.



Japanese poll war moves to TV screen

Tokyo - Two men, their faces hidden by protective masks, are practising kendo, the traditional Japanese sport

of fencing with wooden swords. Swirls of smoke and occasional inexplicable bursts of flame obscure the action on the television screen but over the noise of the fighting we hear a nasal and naggingly familiar voice. "I think that Japan lacks dreams, I want to make Japan into a country in which those who strive can be happy." The epic battle is soon over and the victor removes his mask to reveal the features of Ryutaro Hashimoto, the Prime Minister. He looks tired, but determined. "This," he says, "is the new Liberal Democratic Party."

In most countries, the idea of a party political broadcast in which a government leader beats his opponent into submission would be eyebrow-raising and in Japan it is nothing less than extraordinary. Its political culture is comically conservative: campaigning candidates still don white gloves when delivering speeches, and the standard canvassing technique is to drive around New power for the parties has forced politicians to turn to a previously neglected medium, writes Richard Lloyd Parry.

van repeating a single phrase: "Please vote for me."

But Sunday's election, the twentieth since the Second World War, is unlike any others: it is a measure of the panic and confusion it is causing politicians that they are, for the first time, devoting lots of money and energy to television. Until the 1980s. they paid little mind to television, because it had little infinence on elections; politics was a local affair in which a candidate's affiliation mattered far less than his reputation within his constituency and the efficiency

of his canvassers This changed in 1993, when the Liberal Democrats (LDP) lost their 38-year ascendancy to a coalition of reform-minded parties whose one big achievement in its brief tenure was to reform the electoral system. On Sunday voters will mark two ballots. The first will be for an individual can-

the constituency in a loud-speaker van repeating a single phrase: didate in a local constituency, a first-past-the-post system filling 300 of the 500 seats in the lower house of the Diet. The second cross will go alongside the name of a party, and from these votes the rest of the seats will be divided proportionally. For the first time, politicians have to stake

> dividual party.
>
> The idea was to encourage policy debate and direct competition between the parties, but it has failed. The few hig campaign promises - a pledge by the opposition Shinshin-to (New Reform Party), for instance, to cut taxes by 50 per cent - are dismally vague, and the political vacu-um which this leaves is eagerly filled

their futures on the appeal of an in-

by advertising.

Apart from official slots on NHK, the state broadcasting network, the parties are not allowed to make any mention of the election in their television commercials: the pretence

is that Mr Hashimoto's kendo match is a party promotion, unconnected with the poll. But no one who watches it can be in any doubt about the inferred identity of the masked op-ponent whom he fells: Ichiro Ozawa, the leader of Shinshinto, Mr Hashimoto's former friend and now. his rival.

Broadcasting rules forbid "nega-tive campaigning" but the media campaigns of the two parties contain numerous little digs at one another. The buzzword of Mr Hashimoto's commercials is yume, which means dreams, but also has suggestions of fantasy. "Let's create a country in which yume can be fufilled," he gushes. "Shinshinto does not propose the politics of yume," runs an oppo-

The LDP is lucky in Mr Hashimoto, a tough, confident politician who genuinely happens to be a kendo hlack belt. Mr Ozawa, a far less

charismatic performer (a fellow politician once said he resembled "a toad which has just swallowed something bitter"), makes few appearances in his party's media campaign. Instead, it has opted for metaphor: its main television advertisement depicts vegetables in a juice-maker, representing the squeeze the gov-erament threatens to put on voters

with a proposed ax increase. Neither side will say what it is spending on advertising, although it is rumoured to be £23m for Shinshinto and balf that for the LDP, which is concentrating on the "ground battle", the old-fashioned local campaigns run by individual candidates in the constituencies, where the party still enjoys solid support. "An election is a war," said the LDP's public-relations chief, Katsumi Kishimoto. "You have to decide where you are going to concentrate your forces, and for us the group." war is the decisive one.

Polls suggest the LDP will come close to recapturing a slim majority in the lower house on Sunday.

"IS I'LL THRUE

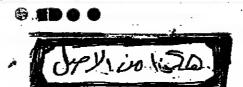
ets our Voicemail Message

standard. What's more, unlike anyone else's service, you

he messages for free as well.

one 2 one

0500 500 121 titly and sland a evolution stagged an



Tony Barber and Christopher Bellamy

Nato and Russia are moving closer to a "strategic partnership" which may be enshrined in a Nato-Russian charter - a non-aggression and cooperation pact - which will remove Russpansion plans.

In the past week the compo-nents of a co-operation package, which could include Nato help for Russia outside Europe, have emerged in a series of meetings and conferences. The Russian security supremo Alexander Lebed visited Nato in Brussels last week and there were conferences in Copenhagen and Antalya. A strategic partnership "16 plus one" – will also be dis-cussed during a three-day visit to Russia by William Perry, US Defense Secretary, which began

yesterday. Before he arrived Dr Perry warned Russia that refusal to ratify the Start-2 Treaty would have no effect on Nato's plans to expand to embrace East European countries, and would cost Moscow and Washington hillions of dollars. Last week, the former Russian foreign minister Andrei Kozyrev stressed the need for constructive dialogue in a speech in Copenhagen.

Rather than have a counterproductive debate about whether or not to have entargement there should be more time devoted to looking for ways to protect Russian interests," Mr Kozyrev said. Years have been wasted. By now Russia should have cooperated with Nato ... Nato will expand and the Russian leadership will have to find a pragmatic solution to

that reality There is a real risk that hardliners in Moscow will present Nato expansion as a humiliation of Russia, not as an achievement. That is because so much time has been wasted in huilding up a Nato-Russian Treaty. Nevertheless, the general trend towards Nato-Russian co-operation is irreversible,"

Co-operation between Nato and Russia is crucial to ensure the implementation of the Start 2 strategic arms treaty, which will reduce superpower nuclear warheads from 6,000 each to fewer than 3,500 each

The Russians also want the Conventional Forces in Europe (CFE) Treaty recast to reflect the demise of one of the military blocs that signed it. the military strength of the Commonwealth of Independent States countries - the for-mer Soviet Union. The balance will shift to four to one if East European countries join Nato.

Although there is no draft of a Nato-Russian charter. Nato accepts the principle. Nato does not like the idea of a "non-ag-gression pact" because that implies Nato might have aggressive designs, and the language could be used as an argument against further Nato

1

L

 \odot



Different views: William Perry, right, said refusal to ratify Start 2 would not delay expansion

expansion. It also wants the document to be non-legally bind-ing, because a legally binding one would have to be ratified by the parliaments of all the Nato countries and Russia.

Such a document would probably be in three parts: a prologue, pledging cooperation and citing laudable aims; a second section pledging consultation on European security issues and possibly the creation of new institutions, and a third

> 'Nato will have four times its military strength if East Europe countries join'

section pledging cooperation on detailed issues including drugs, nuclear proliferation and joint exercises.

The co-operation could also extend beyond Europe, into central Asia. The prospect was raised when Mr ed visited Brussels last week, it emerged on Saturday, German General Klaus Naumann, the top military officer in Nato's political wing, told the conference in Antalva that he had spent an hour with Mr Lebed last week. He said Nato would accept "neither vetoes nor conditions" on its enlargement, Although Mr Lebed has publicly attacked Nato's expansion to embrace East European countries, General Naumann said they had discussed a triple package relating to the

It included Nato enlargeenhancing Partnership for Peace initiative involving co-operation with those East European countries including Russia which did not wish to join Nato or might not be in the first wave; and a "real strategic partnership with Rus-

General Naumann said if he were the chief of the Russian general staff he would see possible threats to the west, south

In the west, General Naumann sald, "we offer them assurance that Nato will remain calm, that there is no risk. In the south we offer co-operation with Nato."

When questioned on how far south this co-operation would go, General Naumann said the discussions had just emhraced the "immediate neighhours of Russia as Russia is right now. Nato has no intention of going further south, and has no

Moscow

The struggle for supremacy within the Kremlin reached a new ferocity last night when Russia's Interior Minister, Anatoly Kulikov, launched a blistering attack on Alexander Lebed, accusing the security chief of plotting a coup, and of trying to establish a Russian version of the French Foreign Legion, whose duties would include political assassinations.

In a bizarre side drama, the minister also said security forces in cities across Russia had been placed on heightened alert because of the risk of an attack by Chechen fighters, after earlier hinting that Mr Lebed was planning to use separatist sup-port in his quest for power. It was unclear if the two devel-

opments were connected. The two men have been at each other's throats since shortly after Mr Yeltsin appointed Mr Lebed as the secretary of Russia's Security Council, national security adviser, and special envoy to Chechnya. Their rivalry erupted in public when the ex-Photograph: Reuter paratrooper general demanded

General Kulikov's dismissal for mishandling the Chechen war. The Interior Minister counterattacked by repeatedly lam-basting Mr Lebed for striking a deal with the Chechens that he considers a sell-out. But yesterday's episode was

extraordinary, coming only a day after Boris Yeltsin called on his entourage to stop bickering. A spokesman for the President, who is preparing for a heart op-eration in mid-November, said he was "extremely worried" by General Kulikov's claims, and had demanded to see details. Mr Lebed denied the claims, saying that he intends to sue the minister for one rouble, adding that "the poor thing has got everything wrong".

General Kulikov accused Mr

Lebed of planning to establish a 50,000-strong "Russian Legion", modelled on the French Foreign Legion, which would be under his operational control as the head of the Security Council. Quoting documents which he claimed came from Mr Lebed's entourage, General Kulikov said the legion's goal included "neutralis

The general said this included the "liquidation of political and military leaders and the leaders of extremist, terrorist, and separatist movements as well as other organisations whose activities

threaten national security". He also accused Mr Lebed of plotting a "creeping coup", say-ing that he "had made the final decision to proceed in the near future with the use of force, without waiting for the [next]

presidential election". Mr Lebed said it was no secret that he had asked the Interior and Defence Ministries to set up a single brigade of up to 3,500 people in each region so that "there would be some kind of power in the state".

General Kulikov's allegations will be seen as the result of a struggle for control between the head of one of Russia's "power" ministries - the general has 230,000 forces at his disposal and the head of a revamped Security Council. But they will strike a nerve among liberals who believe that Mr Lebed has despotic tendencies.

It now seems inevitable that one of the two men will have to

FROM £116 PER MONTH: A FAMILY CAR WITH ALL THESE EXTRAS WILL SAVEYOU MONEY.

With a Daewoo Personal Contract Plan you can drive a family sized car for as little as £116 per month. And our Manifesto gives you so much more as standard. We are so confident of the future value of our cars that we

are prepared to set a Minimum Guaranteed Future Value (MGFV) in two or three years time. That way your monthly repayments are kept low because you don't pay the MGPV until the end of your agreement. At the end of your agreement

ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE



. We deal direct

DAEWOO MANIFESTO

Hot favourites: the British Fashion Awards are upon us again, and the competition is fiercer than ever. Join us behind the scenes at the shows for the inside story on the likely winners of fashion's glittering prizes

If the world were a village of 1,000 people. what would it be like? Donella Meadows's curious form of demographics (right) will turn your world-view upside down

Off the road: recapturing the spirit of Kerouac on Desolation Peak (right)

The mystery of the concubine hotline: why are respectable, married Orthodox Jews in Brooklyn being urged to take live-in mistresses?

Suzanne Glass reports

Plus: Peter Conrad's interesting encounter with Peter Greenway

NEXIA GLI 3 DOOR - LIST PRICE 68,795 NUMBER OF MONTHLY PAYMENTS: DEPOSIT EXPRESSED AS A % OF THE CASH PRICE £6,136,30 64,136.5 FLAT RATE PER ANNUM

8.4%

of your nearest Daewoo

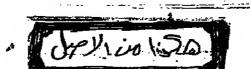
outlet, call us free

you have three choices. I.) Pay the MGFV and drive your car away. 2) Return the vehicle and walk away with nothing more to pay. The example is based on 12,000 miles per annum. Any mileage above this is charged at 8p per mile. 3.) Apply for another Personal Contract Plan, and if you decide to buy a new Daewoo, we will guarantee 10% of your original purchase price, over and above the MGFV of the car, for you to use towards the deposit. A £60 administration fee is payable with the first instalment. Written quotations available on request. Finance is provided, subject to approval, by Daewoo Direct Finance Ltd., City Road, Chester CH99 3AN, You must be 18 years or over. Open to private buyers only. Is not available with any other schemes or limited editions To find out the location

A car with so many extras for se little þer monthi

3 year Daewoo Total AA Cove

Free courts y car offered



international

Electronic bedbugs put the bite back into Berlusconi

Andrew Gumbel

Silvio Berlusconi is back in the news, thanks to an outbreak of bedbugs. For the past few months the former Italian prime minister, now opposition eader, has done uncharacteristically little to attract attention, perhaps because he is going through two separate corruption trials. But this week the Italian media circus has been all his.

revelation last weekend. The op-position's new headquarters in central Rome, Mr Berlusconi announced gravely to the press, had been invaded by una cimice - literally a bedbug, but in this context the slang for an electronic surveillance device. The hug, he said, had been discovered behind a radiator, and he believed that confidential meetings attended nnly by his closest political allies had been picked up and recorded for the last six weeks or so.

Almost instantly, Mr Berlusconi's allies began slinging wild ' accusations at the magistrates and at the government, saying that an Italian Watergate was under way. The government, meanwhile, voiced its strong disapproval, with the Prime Miner, Romano Prodi, calling for an urgent investigation into this "uncivil incident unworthy of a decent country"

By yesterday, the govern-ment was promising to reform the security services, and the

media was awash with speculation as to the possible culprit. And yet something did not add up. The bug was an oldfashioned device not used by the security services for years. Checks showed that no magistrate had requested any surveillance, at least not officially. Moreover, Mr Berlusconi told the press before going to the po-lice, obliterating possible fingerprint evidence by handling and waving the bug around.

One senior politician, the

Northern League activist and former interior minister Roberto Maroni, accused Mr Berlusconi of a media stunt. Certainly. the tycoon turned politician has been playing the issue for all it is worth.

But Mr Maroni's is not a ponular opinion, and most Italian politicians have reacted in the opposite fashion - by insisting that Mr Bertusconi's problem is actually contagious. One minister, Antonio Maccanico, said he was fairly sure he was being

spied on. And Umberto Bossi, leader of the Northern League, claims nine bags have been found at his headquarters.

The issue taps into every Italian paranoia about the murky activities of the security services and the deeply held conviction dating from the Cold War, that the country is not run by elected politicians but rather by occult, invisible forces.

It is hard to imagine, how-ever, who could benefit by listening in on Mr Berhiscom's

political meetings since their contents are usually leaked to the press. Even Mr Berlusconi has admitted he does not himself suspect the security services or other organs of the state.

So who is soving on him? Perhaps the same organisation that has been putting bombs on trains and planes, blowing up historical buildings and staging attempts to assassinate the Pope for the past 25 years; perhaps nobody at all. Chances are, we



Belgian protest goes on despite justice promise

Katherine Butler Brussels

Belgium's justice minister pledged to reinforce inquiries into the country's child sex and murder scandals yesterday as nationwide protests continued over the sacking of the judge leading investigations.

Seeking to calm the anger generated by the handling of the case. Stefaan De Clerck told a parliamentary committee that a second investigating magistrate would be appoint-

"Everything is being done to pursue the investigation," he said, adding that 350 people are now working full time on the case sifting through 5,000 videos of child pornography for incriminating evidence.

An outcry followed Monday's high court ruling in which the judge Jean-Marc Connerotle was removed from the case, fuelling suspicions of a political and judicial cover-up.

Confidence in the institutions of state has been at best fragile since August when the bodies of four young girls were found buried at houses owned hy a convicted rapist, Marc Dutroux.

Accusations of bungling and complicity levelled at the auinorities have been led by families of the victims.

The government is bracing itself for more trouble on Sunday when at least 50,000 people are expected to converge on Brussels in support of Mr Connerotte, who was taken off the case because of alleged hias in

attending a function organised by families of the victims. The same judge was re-moved from the inquiry into the murder of the former deputy Prime Minister Andre Cools when in 1994 he signalled he was on the hrink of a major

hreakthrough. The Belgian newspaper, La Libre Belgique. suggested yesterday that Mr Connerotte may have tracked down evidence linking senior political figures to the Dutroux Mr De Clerck denied yesterday that he had hrought

pressure to bear on the families to drop an appeal against the ruling of the country's highest court to remove Mr Connerotte. The decision to ahandon their appeal came after a tense meeting with the minister on Tuesday night.

A second day of sponta-

neous protests and strikes again underlined the strength of emotion in Belgium following the latest developments. Bus drivers in Charlcroi and

Namur voted for a onc-day strike while 500 steelworkers at a plant near Charleroi, birthplace of Mare Dutroux, stopped work to march past one of his homes in the village of Marcinelle, Roads near Charleroi airport were blocked on by workers from the Sabe

Aeronautics factory. The revelations surrounding the Dutroux affair have, it is believed, served to drive a further wedge between Belgium's already divided linguistic communities, with many Flemings seeking to distance themselves from the macabre discoveries around Charleroi in Frenchspeaking Wallonia. But the latest wave of discontent has crossed the linguistic divide. Hundreds of students threw eggs and smashed the windows of the law courts in Antworp, the Flemish capital, while a few miles away in Mechelen demonstrators hlocked several of the city's major roads. In Genk, also in Flanders. Ford workers halted production for a spontaneous

The upheavals caused by the Dutroux affair have attracted intense outside attention, another source of dismay for the Belgians whose profile internationally is that of a placid, conformist and lawahiding people.

Mass protest however is not a newly discovered phenomenon. Modern Belgium was born in 1830 after William of Holland tried to force through unpopular reforms on hostile lgian subjects.

Simmering discontent throughout the winter of 1829 climaxed the following year when in an apparently spontaneous uprising the people of Brussels took to the streets and stormed government buildings. That sparked the revolution

independence. Similarly mass rallies in the summer of 1950 and a national strike forced the abdication of King Leopold III because he was perceived to have been complicit in the Nazi occupa-

Britain and several other Eu-

ropean governments have de-

clared their alarm over plans by

the hardline President of Be-

larus to stage a referendum which, if passed, would give him

near totalitarian powers, and re-

verse his country's tentative

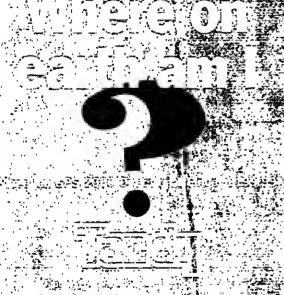
steps towards democracy.

Phil Reeves

Moscow



Seeing red: An environmental activist, dressed as a tomato, standing by a wall of cans marked with the tion of the country. Hardline Belarus triggers alarm



Acting through their ambas-sadors in Minsk, Britain, Italy, France and Germany have challenged Alexander Lukashenko over the poll which has caused a hostile stand-off between the President and parliament, prompting fears that a showdown is looming. He has responded angrily by accusing the West of meddling in his na-

tion's internal affairs.

proposed referendum which will give him huge powers over his 10 million population, whose legacy from the Soviet empire includes a nuclear arsenal, a large army, and a strong secret police. "We will have a second Haiti in the centre of Europe, Valery Tikhinya, chairman of the Constitutional Court,

warned recently. "It will be a dictatorship."

Free speech has no more taken root in Belarus than the free market (less than 10 per cent of the economy is privatised), hut Mr Lukashenko has tightened his throttle-grip on the media still further as the vote approaches, closing down the nnly private radio station, and freezing the bank accounts of the al-The exchange is a measure of ready restricted opposition he frequently ignores.

the growing international con-cern over Mr Lukashenko's newspapers. Belarusans who tune into their state-run television channel face a barrage of propaganda in favour of their president, unsullied by alternative views. Mr Lukashenko, 42, a former

collective-farm director, was elected in 1994, after winning support from rural Belarusans who saw him as an old-style party man who would serve as a bulwark against the harsh con-sequences of switching to a market economy. He has kept most of the old structures intact, beefing up his presidential security service and KGB with recruits from Moscow. But he complains that his efforts to revive his shattered conomy have been continuously blocked by the legislature, and the constitutional court, whose rulings

If approved, his referendum would create a second, more powerful, legislative chamber under his control (he would have the right to appoint a third of the members, while the rest would be drawn from officials, appointed by his administration). His own term of nffice would be extended for seven years. He would chose

half the constitutional court and half the electoral commission. The poll - which he wants to hold on 7 November, the anniversary of the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution - is the latest battle in a war which he has waged with parliament for months. Last year, he tried to close down the legislature altogether by urging Belarusans to boycott parliamentary elections destroying its quorum. But the voters scuppered his scheme by turning out. This time, amid rumhlings that members are moving to impeach him, parliament has counter-attacked by calling its own referendum on 24 November which proposes to make Belarus a parhamentary republic.

Which side will win is a matter of debate. Although Mr Lukashenko controls almost all the media, and has a strong rump of support in the countryside, his opponents - who complain of being harrassed and hugged by the security services - say his referendum will only pass if he cheats. They also say it is illegal as only the parliament can set a referendum date.

"There are only two ways he can win," said Stanislav Bogdankevich, an apposition leader, "mounting a coup d'ctat, or faisifying the poll".

Strikes test French unions'

Mary Dejevsky Paris

France's powerful public sector trade unions are staging a one-day strike today that will be closely watched as an indicator of the likely strength of antigovernment protest this winter. For the public, the strike is a chance to rehearse techniques perfected during the disruption of last winter: walking to work, car-sharing or a premature start to the weekend.

For the trade unions and the government the day of action is make-or-break affair. If it is well supported, the protest could escalate to the point where it threatens the survival of the government and the Prime Minlacklustre, the unions will have to curb their ambitious and the government will quietly proceed with the next stage of its plans to reform the welfare sys-

tem and pare public spending.

The odds are hard to call. Opinion polls show the public anticipates a large measure of disruption this winter - 87 per cent said they expected widespread strikes - and is generally pessimistic about economic prospects. Workers in sectors pardest hit by spending cuts, dedoctors, are angry and militant.

The government has played its cards more cannily than last year. It formally lifted the freeze on public sector pay just before he new round of negotiations began and reduced its estimates of job losses. The two main triggers for last year's strikes - the railway restructuring plan and the inclusion of public sector pension arrangements in welfare reform - were both abandoned last year. The railways are now subject to a gentler reform plan; the plan in standardise pension arrange

ments has not been revived. The core of the welfare reform has been retained, but its initial financial effects impinge mainly on doctors. They are prominent in this year's protests, but their protest alone

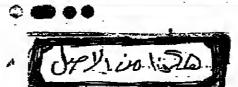
will not disrupt the country. On paper, at least, today's action will affect most of the public sector. The national and regional railways as well as much urban transport have announced their intention to strike. Most social security nffices and government services trollers have called a partial strike. Gas and electricity workers are to strike, along with some dockyard employees. Many schools could be closed, and unionised doctors will provide an emergency service only



We've got more time for you

BERIAL





out wherever he goes.

dinistas in the Eighties.

paign rallies.

tried to recruit a Yangui into his

campaign. Television commer-

cials showed Mr Ortega posing

with a US Democratic con-

gressman, Bill Richardson, ap-

pareotly an attempt to woo

moderate voters who favour a

rapprochement with Washington.

pulled off after Mr Richardsoo

and the US government com-

plained, saying the congressman

had not given his permission

and did oot endorse Mr Orte-

a platform of peace and greater

prosperity. He has pledged not

to reinstate the military draft,

which was in place during his

earlier rule because of the war

with the Contras and the war of

With 75 per cent of Nic-araguans still living in poverty

or extreme poverty - it is the second-poorest nation in the

hemisphere after Hafti - food

of 4.2 million people where 54

per cent are either unemployed

or have only partial or sporadic

ter the end of Contra war and

the lifting of the military draft,

is another pressing issue. More than 60 violent gangs roam the

streets of Managua alone, with

names such as the Corpse-

eaters, the Skinheads and the

Street crime, which grew af-

Mr Ortega is campaigning on

ga's candidacy.

words with the US.

of 1979. He now wears contact and jobs will be the issues that lenses and has cast off his cow- swing the vote. Mr Aleman has

hoy shirts with rolled up sleeves pledged to create 100,000 new for billowing, collarless white jobs in his first year in a nation

Renewing your home insurance

in October or November?

The commercial was later

sconi

Nicaragua Nicaragua Strike poll battle

Phil Davison

George Bush once called him

a "skunk". His leading oppo-nent calls him "a Marxist devil".

But from his oew white-shirted

choirboy image to his free-market promises, the Sandinista

leader Daniel Ortega is a

changed man. He even has the

ed polite thing to say about the inted States, but Washington

s not quite convinced by his ap-

After trailing the conservative

candidate, Arnoldo Aleman,

all year by up to 20 percentage

points in the opinioo polls, Mr

Ortega, 50, has surged to with-in three points. He now has a

fighting chance of being voted back in as the President of

Nicaragua in Sunday's elec-

tion. If he is, he has promised

a "kinder, geotler" Sandinista

government than the pro-

Moscow regime he led from the

1979 revolution until he was de-

feated by the conservative

Mrs Chamorro is not running

this time. Mr Aleman, a bulky

50-year-old former Managua

mayor, heads the Liberal Al-

liance, roughly the same con-

servative coalition which Mrs

Chamorro led to victory in 1990.

favourite. But the polls suggest

he may not reach the 45 per cent

he needs to avoid a second-

pound run-off in November. In polls have Mr Aleman scoring around 41 per cent,

and Mr Ortega up to 38. Horse-

trading by the smaller parties

would then tilt the balance one

way or another in a head-to-

Mr Ortega has come a long

way from the bespectacled.

Yangui-bashing revolutionary

shirts that give him an almost-

partly as a result of a mysteri-

ous heart coodition which

forces him to visit Cuha twice

a year for check-ups. The San-

dinista anthem, which exhorts

their followers to "fight against the Yanqui, enemy of humani-

ty" has been "suspended" dur-

ing the campaign. In its place, Beethoven's Ode to Joy with cus-

If you are 50 or

over, just see

how much you

could save with

Saga - call us

expensive home insurance

you can benefit from SAGA Home Insurance - a superior

household insurance that is

SAGA Home Insurance can offer you genuine savings

over other policies, while

giving you cover that fully

only available to mature,

responsible people like

You will know how

can be. Thankfully, if

you are aged 50 or over

NOW

His oratory is less fiery, too,

saintly appearance.

head vote.

Mr Aleman is still the

Violeta Chamorro in 1990.

parent transformation.

Managua

ing ag. A

1.6 A telegren in 47.45.70 A173 15 V 3 A. . . kigare \$78.585.5 W. We a Atoli

TOTAL TO $t_{ij} \approx$ 42.1 T . 14 6 8.725 - Bar 18 . A ð...

53.5 3 $L^{p}(\mathbb{R}^{n})$ 2. (40.00 J. . (A)() -A_ 250 報告に

protects your home and possessions. The Saga Price Promise

If you find another comparable policy at a lower price within 2 months of taking out SAGA Home Insurance, we will refund you the difference.

Berrices Ltd. FREEPOST 731

W. Pollerstone CT29 LAZ



Insurance cover is comprehensive and low cost

Discounts for home security

Free pen with your quotation

Call us today For your free no obligation quote simply call us on the number below. We will be

pleased to answer any

questions you have on SAGA Home Insurance 0800 414 525

ref.IDO603

loss Ltd would like to send you information about



The Sandinista leader turns over a new leaf, but the US is unconvinced

تفكذا من الأصل

Fan female: A Nicaraguan woman holds up a poster of candidate Daniel Ortega at a raily in Managua

significant shorts

Council of **Europe lets** in Croatia

The Council of Europe admits Croatia next month as rejected ao ultimatum by its 40th member after a delay Ousted government forces to over human-rights concerns in the ex-Yugoslav republic. The council, seen as an ante-chamber to the EU. froze Croatia's application in Khan Mutaqi, said they had May and set conditions enough forces to defeod the concerning respect of the Dayton peace agreement ending the war in Bosnia, democracy and press freedom. Reuter - Strasbourg

Senators back

Australian senators from

urged their government to

end its policy of recognising

Indonesian sovereignty over

Move for new

Bosnia force

peace force for Bosnia to

20 December, an alliance

spokesman said.

replace the existing mission

East Timor, the former

Portuguese territory it

invaded 21 years ago. lobert Milliken – Sydney

Fast Timor

Jet crashes near cruiser

Taliban defv

Kabul's Taliban rulers

the city. The acting

city. Rester - Kabul

abandon Kabul

ahandon the capital, and said

they had no plans to evacuate

information minister". Amir

1107

March.

16.5

1.16

440

the

demand to

A Swedish Viggen military jet crashed into the Baltic near a Russian nuclear naval cruiser 75 miles from the Swedish island of Gotland. The fate of the pilot was not knowe; across the political spectrum the Russians said that the cruiser Prote Veliky and a natrol boat were searching for him. The jet was equipped for reconnaissance. according to a Swedish statement. Most Viggens are equipped as fighter jets.

Kurdish rebels close in on Arbil

their military officials to start Anti-Saddam rebels of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan moved to tighten the moose around the key northern when its mandate expires on lraqueity of Arbil and reverse losses in August to a rival faction backed by Baghdad. Reuter – Barisan Valley

Miss World costume drama

Tim McGirk New Delhi

First they tried to run the chickensout of town. Now they're after the girls. The same protesters in the south Indian city of Bangalore who recently tried to close down the fast-food giant Kentucky Fried Chicken are now threatening to sabotage the Miss World pageant.

Sponsors of the contest are taking the threats seriously: the organisers are transplanting the most controversial event in the pageant, in which women slink around in swimming-costumes. out of Bangalore to the beaches of the Scychelles.

Fried-chicken legs and leggy beauties may not appear to share much in common, but for a Bangalore professor of constitutional law, MD Nanjundaswamy, they represent an assault by multi-national companies on Indian values. "The multi-nationals are trying to introduce a meat-and-beer culture in India," the professor, a vegetarian tectotaller, said. He described the pageant as "Ru-pert Murdoch's occupation of the Indian mind".

The Australian media magoate's satellite television network has for several years now been dumping all the dross of Western soap operas and second-rate films on to India.

Opposition to the Miss World pageant has united leftists, rightwing Hindus, Muslim militants and feminists in an unlikely alliance. Some have vowed to set themselves on fire if the contest goes ahead.

Others, led by Prof Nanjundaswamy, have threatened to burn the stadium where the contestants will parade before a pan-el of judges which includes the Briton Eric Morley. Spectators are being charged up to £500 a seat, much more than an Indian labourer earns in a year.

Wagas Ahmed, from the Stu-

dents of Islamic Organisations. said the contest will "prove detri-mental to our delicate social fabric, which is already under onslaught. The display of nudity is against our social values." India had always shrugged off

beaoty pageants until last year, when Indians won both the Miss Universe and the Miss World contests. Then India seemed to wake up to its own attractive women.

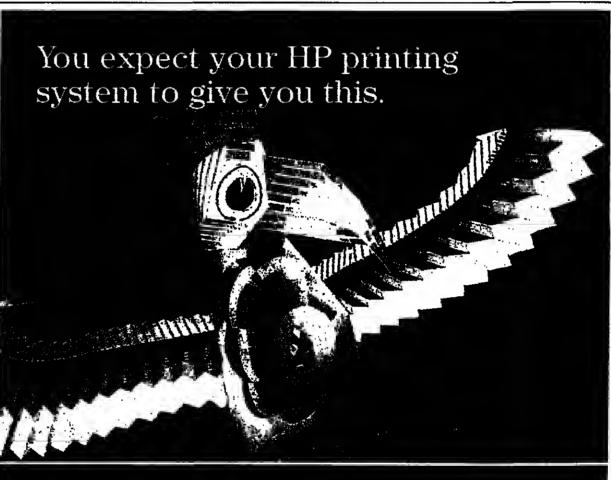
Newspapers and magazines be-

gan to fill up with photographs

of middle-class girls aspiring to

be super-models, instead of

dentists and accountants. Yet it is likely that the Miss World pageant would have been driven out of Bangalore months ago but for the main organiser, Amitabh Bachchan, who is India's best-loved film star, whom few politicians dare to cross. Still. he has decided to move the show to Seychclies in 1997, a year early, rather than face another bont





If you like the way your HP printer gives you results that are so clear and sharp, here's how to make sure that they are always clear, always sharp. And that is by insisting on original HP Printing

Supplies. These are designed by HP to interact precisely with



your printer. HP works to such precision that a billion droplets of our ink will fit inside a single drop from an eye-dropper. (It requires finer drops to produce finer lines.) Similarly, in our laser printers, the

HP toner is so fine that it takes thousands of particles just to dot an i.

Then we make sure that you keep getting the same clear, sharp results page after page.

The inks or toner every HP cartridge contains are so rigorously purified, you can be sure they won't cause any clogging, abrasion, or caking.

At HP, we also design a range of papers, labels and films to interact precisely with HP inks and toners. Making them perfect for creating a special

For more information, see our web page on http://www.hp.com



HP Printing Supplies . Always Clear, Always Sharp

PACKARD

0.70

400

24

Laura La Plante

lf Laura La Plante in old age had not resembled herself in youth so strongly, I should have suspected an impostor. She was charming, friendly and immensely likeable, but no one would have taken her for one of the most popular stars in film history. For she seemed totally unaffected by the experience;

too modest, too forgetful. When David Gill and 1 arrived at her home in Rancho Mirage, outside Palm Springs, with a film crew for our Hollywood series in 1977. Laura retreated to the kitchen and pleaded nut to be interviewed. She knew we'd come to film her husband Irving Asher, producer and silent-era publicist, but she also knew we'd grah something of her if we could. When we realised her reticence was

I had tried to chronicle her career during several visits, and while she tried hard to remember, her memory was as bad as she said h was. She could recall exactly what she wore in a picture, but none of the incidents associated with the making of it. But during those visits I grew very fond of her. She had a dry sense of humour: 1 rememher her poring over some photographs with an old friend, the silent actress Bessie Love, trying to remember the names. Eventually she turned to me and said "Care to take a nap?"

She was best-known as a comedienne, and yet her finest performances were in dramatic roles, in two films of 1924 directed by Clarence Brown: Butterfly, in which she played a violin student (which she was in real life) for whose talent her older sister sacrifices her career; and Smouldering Fires, a realis-

tic drama about an autocratic, middle-aged woman who mas a factory (Paulinc Frederick) and falls for a young employee, only to find him pursuing her youthful sister (Laura). The sensitivity of the playing transformed the stereotyped story into a minor masterpiece.

Laura La Plante came from poverty-stricken background in St Louis, Missouri. Her father was a dance teacher. After her mother divorced him, she moved with Laura and her younger sister Violet to San Diego, California.

As a teenager, Laura spent summer vacations with a cousin, Mary MacMahon, in Hollywood. Mary spotted a newspa-per ad asking for children for moving pictures, and Laura was selected and brought home some money. Her mother, who had lost her joh, sent her hack

in the holidays. Mary MacMahon did all she could for Laura. Next door lived a scenario writer who knew the great director George Loane Tucker, and he was asked to meet Laura. Tucker staged a test in the garden, hut Laura felt his cameraman had no film in his camera, because all she got were words of encouragement. Tucker advised her to visit a studio and to watch how things were done. Filmmaking was a relatively casual affair in 1919, and Laura was able to do just that,

When her cousin moved to an apartment on Gower Street, Laura secured a proper test at the nearby Christie comedy studios. She was noticed by Al Christie and this is Laura's ac-count of the conversation: of his career playing wistful, hay-seed roles in films deeply nos-"How did you get into stock here?" I didn't ... 'Would you



A sort of Carole Lombard of her day: La Plante's dazzling beauty and personality made her Universal's top star (above, in SIIk Stockings, 1927)

like to?" 'Yes.' 'Well, as of Monday, you're in stock." ("He was," explained Laura, "in a

very good mood.") Al Christie cast her in a series based on a newspaper car-toon strip called *Bringing Up* Father. Her first important rule was in Charles Ray's The Old Swimmin Hole (1921). Charles Ray was then nearing the end talgic for a vanishing America. This film was something of an

experiment, being made entirely without suhtitles. La Plante's fresh, naturalistic, performance won her notice and she thought stardom was assured.

Instead, she was cast hy Fox in a western, Big Town Round-up (1921) with Tom Mix. Westerns, even with Tom Mix, were regarded as the cheap end, one might almost say the rear end, of the industry, and appearing in them brought little attention. Furthermore, she had to ride a

horse. She couldn't ride, but refused to admit it and the experience brought her oothing but terror.

From Fox she went over to Universal, which was a foolish move because they were were famous for their westerns. La Plante was cast in a relentless series of western two-reelers and five-reelers and even a serial, Perils of the Yukon (1922), for which she was expected to do her own stunts, and during which the company were

snowed in on location in the High Sierras. She never learned to ride properly, and was grate-ful for a brief spell at Goldwyn where she played the prettiest girl in town in Rupert Hughes's The Wallflower (1922).

Her career began to take off when she was selected as a Wampas Baby Star of 1923 (Wampas standing for Western Association of Motion Picture Advertisers). The following year she played with Reginald Denny in a motor-racing comedy

called Sporting Youth. By now she had dyed her light-brown hair blonde, and her dazzling beauty, together with her per-sonality – humorous, mischievous, but basically sensible and

kind - brought her tremendous popularity. She became Universal's top star, a sort of Carnle Lombard of her day.

While her favourite films were the comedies she made with Reginald Denny, her most celebrated rale, was in The Cat and the Canary (1927), a brilliant

parody of Gothic horror directed by the German master Paul Leni.

In 1926 she married William Seiter, who had directed the best of her Denny comedies. After playing Magnolin in Show Boat (1929) - a silest version, later reissued with sound prologue and music and effects - and an appearance of King of Jazz (1930), Laura La Plante and Universal parted

In 1933 she moved to Europe, and in 1934, after an amicable divorce from William Seiter, she married Irving Asher, then in charge of the Warner Bros studios at Teddington. She played in only a handful of the films he produced there, for she was now the mother of two children, Jill

and Tony. When war came, Asher joined the US Army and Laura and the children returned to California. She made a few more appearances on film, played in television and made her last film, Spring Reunion, in

When her son Tony was 16, he was asked what his mosher was doing these days. Anow," he said, "she's just" woman." Laura La Plante may have vanished from public view. but she made a final appearance in New York in The Night of 100 Stars in 1985.

Kevin Browniov

Laura Isabelle La Plante, actress: born St Louis, Missouri I November 1904; married 1926 William Seiter (marriage dissolved 1934), 1934 Irving Asher (died 1985; one son, one daughter); died Los Angeles 14

Ono Tozaburo

As every British schoolboy should know, from Shelley's The Masque of Anarchy, written in 1819 and inspired by the Peterloo massacre, poetry and anarchism make good bed-fellows. One of the most distinguished representatives of this marriage was the Japanese anarchisi poet Ono Toz-ahuro, whose life was one of perpetual poetic protest and revolutionary insubordination. attacking both traditional Japanese ways of life and traditional Japanese poetry, chiefly in the waka or tanka form.

It may surprise some to learn that there is a strong natural an archist tendency in Oriental culture, but certain elements of anarchism can be found in Lao Tzu, and in the 18th-century

Japanese thinker Ando Shoeki. During the Meiji Period (1868-1912), the theories of Prince Kropotkin and Mikhail Bakunin were introduced into Japan, along with socialist and com-munist philosophies. Several Japanese groups were formed, both violent and non-violent Christian. One of my ancestors, Thomas Kirkup, in his History of Socialism (1892), writes that the Tolstoyan anarchist Dr Kotoku, together with his wife and 10 followers, was executed after a secret trial in 1911:

ti is believed there was an actual bomh . . . but no evidence was forthwholesale punishments. The whole episode appears to be a blot on the fair fame of Japanese civilisation, which must be regretted by the many

Ono Tozaburo was horn in Osaka, an industrial city which at the beginning of the century was in the throes of a violent economic and industrial upheaval, with accompanying social unrest and political agitation. The future anarchist poet of industrial landscapes of total desolation attended middle school, and fortunately part of his early childhood passed in the lovely temple city

In 1920 he made his way to Tokyo and entered the university. But, like so many of Japan's modern poets and artists, he dropped out after only eight months. There is something in the Japanese artistic temperament that does not take to further education, a rehellious spirit, a natural anarchy found in many modern works in conflict with accepted notions.

Tozahuro, as if instinctively, gravitated towards the anarchist-socialist groups of the time, fully aware of the dangers lying in wait for those "nails that refuse to he hammered down" at the hands of the authorities. In 1923, he became a contributor to the newly founded. Aka to Kirro ("Red and Black") anarchist magazine. Like most publications of its kind, it was suppressed, and ceased publication in 1924. To take its place; - backgrounds of many of his lat-Tozaburo founded his own Dam which predictably had only one issue.

The Dada movement in po- ly shifted to the Marxist-realist etry and art was becoming pop-position in his Furuki Sekai no

ular in Japan, but no publisher could be persuaded to issue Toz-aburo's first collection of poems, Hanbun Hiraita Mado ("A Half-Opened Window"), so he published it at his own expense in 1926. He also took the risk of issuing another anarchist mag-azine, Dando ("Trajectory") which ran for a whole year

(1930-31), in association with his

llow anarchist poet Kiyoshi

In 1933 he returned to Osaka. The industrial landscapes of Osaka and Osaka Bay form the er poems. Here in the inter-war period he became the acknowledged leader and teacher of younger poets. He gradual-

ue ni ("Above the Old World". 1934) and Osaka (1939). He also took up literary criticism with a socialist tendency, with which he was able to exert a major influence. He published successive essays in the maga-zine Bunka Soshiki ("Organi-sation of Culture", 1940-43) which were collected in Shiron ("Essays on Poetry", 1947). He sought to reject musical quali-ty and replace tanka-type lyri-cism by a visionary verse founded on a critical and rational spirit. His post-Pacific War collections include Daikahen ("The Ocean's Edge", 1947), Hi-nomu Keyak Swallowing Zelkova", 1952), Juyu Fuji ("Heavy Oil Fuji",

1956) and Ikyo ("Strange

nology, with exceedingly com-

Land", 1966).

Sadly, in later years, with the decline of Japanese interest in literature, he became somewhat neglected. He appears in a very few anthologies of modern Japanese poetry, and is missing from our own Penguin Book-of Japanese Verse - in so many ways an unsatisfactory compilation. However, he is well represented in my own re-cently published anthology Burning Giraffes (University of Salzburg Press). Beside is an ex-ample of one of my translations of his poems, from Daikal-hen (1947)

- James Kirkup

Ono Tozaburo, poet and anarchist: born Osaka, Japan 27 July 1903; died Osaka 10 October

Tomorrow The old reeds are dead And the new shoots are few Sandpipers are flocking like clouds across the river mouth. Wild gales are sweeping the sand-The spring tides clum up Fright In this deserted and disorsed I listen to the wind howling over the wastes of heavy industry. Surely something must have gone wrong. Already it is worse than anything I can imagine. What I see before me is a ghastly landscape of waste lands The indelible shadows of an horizon buned

In iron, nickel, nubber, nitrogen,

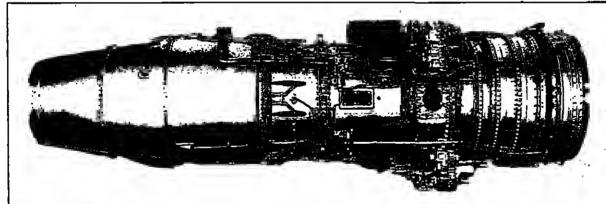
P. A. Soloviev

In the Soviet Union it was usual for aircraft and their engines to be designated according to the leader of the design team. P. A. Soloviev remained for many years almost unknown in the Western world, hecause most of his engines were designated by a simple letter D. from drigatel ("engine").

Born in 1917, Pavel Alek-

sandrovich Solovicy (pronounced "Solovyov") was from childhood interested in every-thing mechanical. From high school he entered the Aviation Technological Institute at Ryhinsk (today Andropov). He graduated with distinction in 1939, and joined the OKB (experimental construction, or design, hureaut of Arkadiya D. Shvetsov at Perm,

Sheetsov was the first acroengine designer to set up his own OKB in the Soviet Union. His firsthorn, the simple M-11 radial engine of t00hp, remained in production over 40



Soloviev's D-30 series I engine; first put into in service in the Tu-134 airliner in 1967, there are still over 1,000 in use around the world

years, more than £30,000 being

But by the time Soloviev joined there was a need for engines of far greater power for fast fighters and hombers. Soloviev played a leading role in developing the M-82 (redesignated in Shvetsov's honour as

the ASh-82 in 1941), an aircooled radial in the 1,500-2,000hp class. It was one of the most important engines of what Russians call the Great Patriotic War, and over 70,000 of them were huilt.

In 1946 Soloviev played a leading part in the development

of the most powerful piston engine ever to be installed in an aircraft, the ASh-2K of 4,700hp. He also worked on many other engines, such as the ASh-21 of 550-700hp, which is still in use in aemplanes and helicopters.

quiring high power would use not piston engines but gas turhines. Some piston-engine designers, especially in the Western world, found it hard to In 1953 Soloviev succeeded learn the very different tech-

Shvestov as chief constructor of

the Perm OKB. He recognised

that, by this time, aircraft re-

plex problems of aerodynamics and combustion and a range of new materials. Soloviev accepted the challenge with He immediately began the design of the first turbofan to

go into service and a turboshaft engine of unprecedented power for a giant helicopter. Soloviev had studied the writings of Frank Whittle, who had pointed out that the propulsive efficiency of a jet engine would he increased if the airflow through it could be increased and the jet velocity reduced. Accordingly he produced the D-20P, a neat turbofan with a mass flow of 293 pounds per second and take-off thrust of 11,905 pounds. To the astonishment of Western designers, this beat their turbofans into service in the Tu-124 jetliner on 2 October 1962.

The turboshaft engine was the D-25V, which delivered

5,500hp at a time when the most powerful helicopter engine in the Western world was a piston engine rated at 1,900hp. Two D-25Vs made possible the Mi-6 helicopter of 1957. Over 800 of these monsters were built, and even today the Western world has no helicopter with anything remotely similar in size

and capability. Having cut his teeth with these two engines. Soloviev went from strength to strength. The D-30 designation was, with typical Russian mentality, used for two completely different families of engines, one (for the Tu-134 jetliner) in the 15,000pound thrust class and the other (for various hig jet trans-ports) rated at 24,000-26,500 pounds. To confuse things still further, the derived D-30F6 is a monster fighter engine. with an afterburner, with a combat thrust rating of 41,843

pounds.

was the PS-90, a giant turbofan of high bypass ratio for advanced passenger and cargo transports. A family of PS-90 engines are now flying, in the 35,000lh class. What their designer did not expect is that in today's former Soviet republics

they are having to compare with Western engines.
Soloviev gained a prifessorship in 1960, was made a Hero of Soviet Labour in 1966, was appointed a doctor of of technical science in 1973 and a corresponding memher of the USSR Academy of Sciences in 1981. Also in 1981 he reached the supreme industrual rank of General Constructor. He retained this until he retired in 1989, handing over to Yuri E. Reshetnikov.

Bill Gunston Pavel Aleksandrovich Soloviev aeroplane engine designer: born 1917; died Perm, Russia 13

ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS
The Queen resopers the Raphad Vallernes at the Victoria and Albert Museum. South Knungnon, Landon Wit, The Dide of Edinburgh, President and Hunstray Life bellion of the Rayal Seciety for the Enouragement of Arts. Manufactures and Commence present the 1940 Benjamin Frankim Media at Manufactures and Commence present the 1940 Benjamin Frankim Media at Manufactures and Commence present the 1940 Benjamin Frankim Media at Risami aniends a rechoration bengues at the Bampating Blouce, Whitehall, London SW. The Princets Royal, Chancellur, London Londons, Comment, Kon's Colle, p. School of Medicine and Dentiers, Bestimer Royal, Chancellur, London Londons, Besting and Princets, Besting Royal, Chancellur, London SES, opens the Artificial Pitch, University of London Section of the Ranker in cefebrate the Anniversary of the Ranker from the Succession of Guntrester, Patren, Northampton the Association to the Birds already a Cala Exercing at the Thernate Theater Suchampton The Duke of Kent Landon's William and Cala Exercing at the Tempate Theater Suchampton the Duke of Kent Landon's William Randon at the Bolish Hernat Chot, Establish Media and Cala Bernath Ministry Manusch Landon's William Randon's Calantin Sweet, Lindon Williams Malantin Calanting Comments of the Guard ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

Changing of the Guard The Haushold Cardry Mounted Regiment mounts the Outen's Life Guard at Horse Grands, Ham

Amountements for Gazette Birthis, MAR-RIAGES & DEATHS 183rths, Adoptions, Marriages, Deaths, Memorian services, Wed-ding unstreaming, in Memorians issued be parted to the Gazette Editor. The Independent, I Counda Square, Camry Wharf, London El-SDL, trigopoment to 0171-293 2011 or fared to 0171-293 2010; charges are 16-91 a face to retrat. UTHER Gazette assumptment must be submitted in writing (or fangel) and are charged at £10 a Her. VT extra. Please in-clude a daytime telephone number.

Forthcoming marriages Mr M. Sateliffe

and Miss H. Wallace The engagement is announced between Mark youngest son of Mr and Mrs John Sutcliffe, of Great Broughton, North Yorkshire, and Henrietta, daughter of Mr and Mrs tan Wallace, of Edinburgh.

Birthdays

Mr Stephen Bishop-Kovacevich, concert planist, 56; Mr Harry Carneuter, broadcaster, 71: Mr Sydney Chapman MP. 61: The Earl of Dalhousie, former Governor-General, Rhodesian Federation, 82: Mr Alan Garner, author, 62; Su Raiph Gibson, a former Lord Justice of Appeal, :4: The Right Res Ronald Goodchild, Assistant Bishop, Exeter, 86: M Jean Gueguinou, French ambassador, 55; Sir Christopher Harding, chairman, BET, 57: Mrs Ann Jones. iennis player, 58; Lord Kilhracken, author and journalist, 76: Mr Michael Lord MP, 58; Sir Camerua Mackinoch, producer of stage musicals, 50; Mr Arthur Miller, playwright, 81; Mr Bernard Taylor, Intrinet chief execuive. Glazo, 61; Sir Simon Tuckey,

High Court judge, 55. Anniversaries

Births: John Wilkes, political reformer and journalist, 1727; Elmor Glyn, novelist, 1864; Baroness Karen

Blixen (Isak Dinesen), author, 1885; Rita Hayworth (Margarila Carmen Cansino), actress, 1918. Deaths: Sir Philip Sidney, poet, soldier and courtier, 1586; Frédéric-Francois Chopin (Fryderyk Franciszek), com-poser, 1849; Sidney Joseph Perelman. humorist. 1979. On this day: British and French forces began the Siege of Sebastopol. 1854; a steel-making process was patented by Sir Henry Bessemer, 1855; Al Capone, a boot-legger, was sentenced to 11 years in jail for income-tax evasion, 1931; the first nuclear power station in the world was opened at Calder Hall. 1956. Today is the Feast Day of St. Austrudis or Austrude, Saints Ethelbert and Ethelred. St Ignatius of An-Linch, St John the Dwarf, St Norbelm. St Rule, St Scraphino and The Ursoline Martyrs of Valenciennes.

Lectures Royal Society of Literature: Andrew Davies and Sue Birtwistle "Taking a Plunge with Mr Darey. adapting classic novels for television?

Dinners

Foreign and Commonwealth Office Mr Malcolm Rifkind QC MP, Secretary of State for Foreign and Com-monwealth Affairs, held a dinner vesterday evening at I Carlton Gar-dens. London SWt. in honour of Senor Abel Matutes Juan, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Spain.

Police can be liable under Race Discrimination Act for the Metropolis: Court of

Appeal (Lord Justice Peter Gibson, Lord Justice Otton. Lord Justice Hutchison) October 1996 Police officers provided services.

to the public within the meaning of section 20(2)(g) of the Race Relations Act 1976 and acted unlawfully if in so doing they discriminated against a person nn the grounds of race. But a chief nfficer of police was not vicariously liable under the Act for the discriminatory actions of his subordinates.

The Court of Appeal allowed an appeal by the Met-ropolitan Police Commissioner against the decision of Judge Harris, sitting in Central London County Court on 21 December 1995, refusing to strike out parts of the statement of claim of the plaintiff, Zeinah

Farah. The action arose out of an occurrence on 17 July 1994. The plaintiff, a refugee from So-malia then aged 17, claimed she and her 10-year-old cousin

were attacked near their home by some white teenagers, who set a dog on her and injured

her. The police officers who responded to her 999 call, instead of helping her and seeking to detain her attackers, arrested, detained and charged her with affray, common assault and causing unnecessary suffering to a dog. She was released on bail the same day. On 12 January 1995 she appeared to answer the charges and, no evidence

being offered, was acquitted. In her claim against the Commissioner for damages, including aggravated and exemplary damages, for faise im-prisonment, assault and battery and malicious prosecution, the plaintiff included an allegation that the officers' conduct amounted to unlawful racial discrimination. It was this last allegation which the Commissioner sought to strike out. Section 20 of the 1976 Act

LAW REPORT

17 October 1996

(1) It is unlawful for any person con cerned with the provision . . . of goods, facilities or services to the blic or a section of the public to seeks to obtain or use those goods facilities or services . . .

(2) The following are examples of the incilities and services mentioned in subsection (1): . . . (g) the services of any profession or trade, or any local or other public authority. Section 53 provided:

(1) Except as provided by this Act no proceedings, whether civil or criminal, shall lie against any person in respect of an act by reason that then act is unlawful by virtue of a

It was contended for the Commissioner that section 20 did not apply to police officers performing the duties of their office, since they were out providing a service; and that even if it did, the Commissioner himself could not be vicariously liable for breaches of section 20 by his constables. Robert Seabrook QC and Duncan

Nicol QC and Heather Williams Deighton Guedalla) for the plaintiff. Lord Instice Hutchison said that, prima facie, section 20 was

Macleod (Metropolitan Police Solic-

itor) for the Commissioner; Andrew

wide enough to apply to at least some of the acts undertaken by police officers in the performance of the duties of their office. The crucial words were "any person concerned with the provision (for payment or not) of . . . services to the public". These words were entirely apt

to cover those parts of a police officer's duties involving assistance to or protection of members of the public. There was nothing in the examples in section 20(2) that expressly or im-pliedly excluded police officers from the ambit of section 20(1). In his Lordship's view they fell within paragraph (g). There was no reason why a person performing a public duty might not also be providing a service.

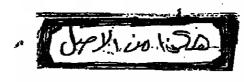
The plaintiff's claim was that she sought the service of protection and because of her race was denied the protection others would have been and forded. It seemed that was it less the provision of a service than was the giving of directions or other information to a member of the public who sought

them. It followed that a claim of racial discrimination could clearly be made against an individual police officer by a member of the public.

As to vicarious liability, however, the prohibition in section 53(1) applied to both types of claim and identity of parties and was clearly expressed. Ordinary vicarious liability apart from the act did not suffice to found a claim; it was only to the extent that the Act permitted vicarious liability claims that they could be maintained.

It did not do so in this case and the claim under section 20 against the Commissioner mag be struck out.

Paul Magrath, Barrister



provided:

CET

ur:

ini i

2.40

a to ote the

Ban all handguns now. There's nothing to lose

eath in Dunhlace created an emergeocy that only a coming the context of the Great War - its plete ban oo the private ownship of handguns can begin to dissipate. Lord Cullen's inquiry served to extend the crisis - it may even have intensified it as, during the past weeks, from the hack branches have dropped some odd fowl - shootists more wedded to their pistols than any notion of propriety or public safety, and Warren Hawksley MP. Yesterday Lord Cullen proposed a half-measure, out of a touching anxiety for the economic well being of the gun industry. His anxiety, however, was utterly beside the point. The Government, also, has missed the point. The ban oo private holding of haodguns should be complete and exceptionless. Ministers seemed yesterday to think they deserved applause for going beyond Culien, showing only how far they are still afflicted by post-Dunhiane myopia. The course is owned as a complete her. The source is the course of the course clear: a complete ban. The sooner it is effected the better.

A complete ban would be a drastic extension of state power into private berty - that is true. But there is no hortage of historical precedent for democratic governments responding to threat hy far-reaching legislatioo, increasing surveillance and inspection deep in society's innards. Indeed, there are many more worrying instances than the one we propose. The first

Photograph: Reule

performer ta fellor

re said he resembled.

as just -wallawed sug

), makes tow appear sarte's media campie evision advertiseme tables in a micromite

the square the pe paters to put on or-ISCU AND INCLUDE

ide will an what a to be all or to Va

halt that has the Lie

le", the chi tacheng to run by the levelands.

Countries of the Honjoy has appe

B. Daniel Studies

relation had king

Ting the second

to govern concerns.

ast the LOP willie.

in the context of the Great War - its extension of government's sphere was justified by the emergency. It wanted to protect a way of life. So it is with handgun control. Banning private ownership of lethal weaponry should be aimed at restoring a status quo in which a less twitchy and frightened society has less need of that apparatus of state power symbolised by the armed police officer. Fewer guns would mean less government There is nothing ideological about

such a ban: it is a practical response in a special circumstance. Just as there is oo logic of history pushing the boundaries of the state ever forward (something the hysterics of the new right like to frighten themselves with), so there is no grand logic driving violent crime upwards. We can and must try to make this country more peaceful. It is historically naive to say British society is "naturally" pacific. What is true is that since the 17th century government has had a pretty effective monopoly on firepower: when Georgians or Victorians rioted they threw stones because all the muskets were secure inside army barracks. By the 20th century that tradition had bedded down into a widespread popular revulsioo at the ownership and handling of destructive : weapons. Guns are unBritish. That senthan the one we propose. The first timent is, of course, flawed: there are Defence of the Realm Act was passed large oumbers of illegally held guns to be stored at clubs where, in pri-



ONE CANADA SQUARE CANAEY WHARF LONDON EM 5DL TELEPHONE 0771-298 2000 / 0171-345 2000 FAX 0771-293 2435 / 0171-345 2435

weapons. And the traditioo is threatened, by boundaries open to trade with countries with laxer rules. But being . anti-gun remains part of this country's social ecology. This is a moment to affirm that aspiration of civic peace.

There are, yes, important points to consider when it comes to proscriptioo arguments that even the tears of grieving parents cannot dissolve. One of the strongest is John Stuart Mill's plea for liberty: action should remain free up to the point where il harms others. Oo that basis, the Government

vacy, shooting and the handling of guns ought to threaten no one but their owners. But whatever merit it has in theory, it fails the test of practice. How secure will those armouries be? How are the weapons to be transported for competitive shooting? A blanket ban is simpler to administer, and is therefore certain to be more effective.

What is lost thereby? The pleasure of a handful of enthusiasts only. Though sport has in recent years moved to the centre of our culture as a source of entertainment and inspiration for many, it must not become a fetish. The loss of British participation hardly going to dent the oational

And what is gained? To ban handguns is to show, for once, that this country's Parliament is not entirely the creature of special interests and paid persuaders. There is nothing new about lobbying for legislative favour. What is new is the shamelessness with which lobbyists parade their parliameotary agents, the loudness with which they squeal their sectional case. In the terrible sadness of Dunblane something wonderful was born. The symbol of the snowdrop now adorns a movement of moral force that has shamed even the tired and discredited ministers of the present government into doing very nearly the right thing.

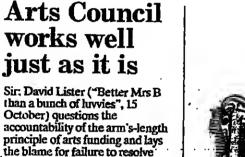
If ever an event proved the shallow self-regard of that Eighties formulation there is no such thing as society", it was the human response to the death of those children and their teacher in Dunblane. From it, around a core of bereaved parents, there has grown a voluntary organisation whose voice now commands the political centre stage. There are those who cootinue to resist a blanket ban on handguns, sincerely worried by nanny having to take things away in case we are tempted to misuse them. They fear this means infantilisatioo. Let them stand a moment alongside those parents in Snowdrop and observe their calm and

at the Olympics in pistol shooting is adult demeanour. The parents' arguments have won not only because they are right, but because in their capacity to translate their grief into practical democratic reform, they represent recuperative human spirit at its awesome and inspiring best.

Little tiddlers? No, whoppers

Astonishing. Andrew Neil, some-time editor of the national newspaper The Sunday Times, thinks he's a little guy tilting against the powerful Establishment. Even more amazing, he and Peregrine Worsthorne helieve Rupen Murdoch has heen hashing the old elite in the interests of the little guy, too. As if Murdoch's media empire, and the editors that dance within it, have not long had more influence than any individual inside Buckingham Palace, Downing Street, Whitehall or the clife universities and public schools. Rupert Murdoch and Andrew Neil are acc players of the oldest Establishment game in the book: using power to sustain their own wealth and privileges. They have never done anything to subvert Britain's most powerful institutions. They are one uf Britain's most powerful institutions.

- LETTERS TO THE EDITOR -



typiding crises in the arts at the of the Arts Council. There is indeed a case for directly elected representatives taking on responsibility for the distribution of the money that Parliament votes for the support of

However, in the real world I suspect that if this were done, it would not be very long before some oew arm's-length-style body would have to be invented.

the first place, the Council includes among its members arts practitioners of the highest quality; in turn they receive expert advice from panels of arts professionals. Second, Council members and advisers give their services free. It. would be difficult, and very expensive, for the Civil Service to undertake this work without adding considerably to its own overhead.

Further, it is not true that there is no connection with elected representatives, as local government is an essential amponent in the structure of the egional Arts Boards, all of whose 10 chairmen serve as members of the Arts Council. The Secretary of State of the day, who appoints members of the Council for fixed terms, is accountable to

Parliament.

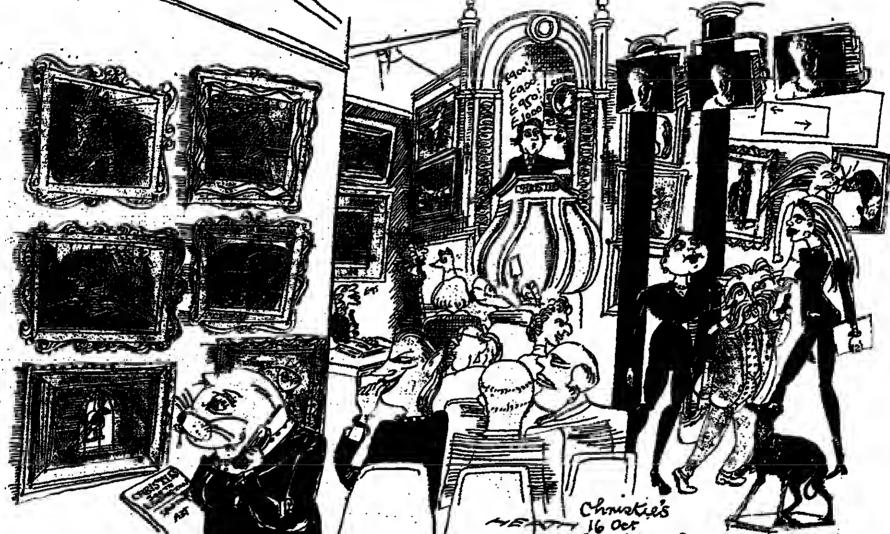
As for accusations that members of the Council do, on occasion, have professional interests which benefit under the Lottery, this is indeed a sensitive and difficult issue. Stephen Dorrell, when he was Minister, answered it best when he said that for civil servants to administer the lottery system was the only alternative, and by definition this excluded practitioners. Some trust is necessary, and we have rigorous procedures which ensure that nobody affected by an award or associated closely with others affected can take any part in the discussion or decision-making

David Lister seems to blame the Arts Council for what I agree is the increasingly untenable imbalance between current funding under a Meadily reducing Treasury grant nd the large sums being made available for capital purposes

under the Lottery. On present form we are likely to find ourselves in a position where we have severely to restrict the activities of theatres, orchestras, opera companies and the like. which have only just received many millions for the provision of handsome new facilities from the Lottery. The funding system will look at best incompetent, at worst

In the end we all know that improved facilities, as well as the welcome new directions which allow arts organisations to bid for "software" funding through the Lottery, will make a difference to es, but this will necessarily not be fell for two or three years. We have to persuade the Government to help us to get from

And it is a pity that those like David Lister, who take a welcome and continuing interest in the arts, should be diverted by some constitutional debate from drawing



Michael Heath's Britain: Christie's Auction House - site of the Camilla Parker-Bowles sale

attention to the acute position in which we find ourselves. LORD GOWRIE Chairman, The Arts Council of London SWI

Sir. The proposed New Museum of Art and Sculpture Park for Wales, designed by David Chipperfield and sited in the parkland of Powis Castle in Welshpool, is in danger of becoming the next lottery casualty in Wales, following the recent "fiasco" over the Opera House in Cardiff, which was also the subject of an international competition.

The Mid Wales Centre for the Arts Trust has carefully planned the project over the past five years, the culmination of this being the full planning permission granted earlier this year. Everything is in place for this outstanding scheme to bring £8m of investment to one of the most culturally neglected reas of Wales, bringing in its wake prosperity to the town of

Welshoool. On 18 October the Arts Council of Wales will decide on the lottery funding for the development of the museum. It will have to face the fact that the new local authority, Powys County Council, has denied the project partnership funding and refused to accept the obligation to the scheme it inherited from the former Montgomeryshire District

The request to Powys is for an additional £14,000 over and above last year's revenue grant to the Trust. This is a minute fraction of the local authority's leisure

The local authority must

reconsider its position if all the

time, effort and money already

IAN HORSBRUGH Principal, Guildhall School of Music & Drama London EC2

spent on this scheme is not to be wasted. We believe that the Arts Council of Wales must show vision

and support for this new visual arts

complex which will help to put

Wales firmly on the international

artistic map. The local authority

funding will surely follow. Lord ELIS THOMAS

MAUREEN KELLY OWEN

Professor IVOR RICHARDS

Mid Wales Centre for the Arts

and her views on the arts (15

used that unattractive word

Sir. In his article on Mrs Bottomley

October), David Lister once again

"luvvies". However it is used, the

word carries with it an implication

It would be refreshing if we

could drop it - what is wrong with

"artists"? The work of an artist is

demanding and challenging, as the

process of creation and recreation

self-discipline that many other

impossible to emulate - even if

do to enrich and stimulate our

they make far more money! Let us

be proud of what artists of all kinds

requires a level of imagination and

professions in public life would find

SIT RICHARD ROGERS

KYFFIN WILLIAMS RA

SHANI RHYS JAMES

ANDREW LOGAN

Welshpool, Powys

of superficiality and

condescension.

ZAHA HADID

DAVID NASH

Mustard gas far from phosphates

Sir: I read the two letters by Charles Secrett and Dr K Vala Ragnarsdottir (12 October) with

stonished disbelief. Organophosphates are very dangerous chemicals but they are not related to mustard gas. So far as I know, mustard gas is made from ethylene and sulphur chloride
-no phosphorus. Chlorfenviaphos and propetamphos are both organophosphates and contain phosphorus.

While it is almost certain that people using or being exposed to any of those substances might be poisoned - both acutely and cumulatively (OPs are gradually metabolised and broken down in the body, but chronic toxicity can occur) the two OPs are schedule III poisons: "Rubber gloves, a coverall and face-shield must be worn when

handling concentrate." Other objections to the letters are numerous, but I will cite only one. What evidence is there of BSE being caused by OPs? Scrapic was present in sheep 40 to 50 years before OPs were invented. ALWINFIELD Retired entomologist Ashford, Kent

Climate gamble Sir: "UK will profit by global warming" (report, 10 October)? Well, possibly for a period, until it

ignore hardships elsewhere and if

Post letters to Letters to the Editor, and include a daytime telephone number.

(Fax: 0171-293 2056; e-mail: letters@independent.co.uk)

E-mail correspondents are asked to give a postal address. Letters may be edited for length and clarity.

gets ever hotter, but only if we

the climate trends assumed in the economic analysis turn out to be accurate. Unlike the real world, modelled climate scenarios tend to be rather simplistic, with slow and steady trends in temperature and related weather factors - and therein lies a risk. It is not unknown for natural systems to "flip" from one set of broadly stable conditions to another set, over a relatively short period of time.

those you report ignore the possibility of rapid changes. These would make life much more difficult for the UK and others than the headline suggests, but unfortunately we have only a very limited understanding of the probability or timing of such events in relation to climate change. Policy-makers thus appear to be

The scenarios leading to

"feelgood" predictions such as

being encouraged to gamble for very high stakes, at uncertain odds, rather than adopt a precautionary approach that could itself stimulate TONY ROBSON

Cheltenham, Gloucestershire

Runcie and gays Sir. In my review of Lord Runcie's

recent biography (28 September) 1 stated that Lord Runcie had once referred to homosexuals as "emotional cripples". Lord Runcie assures me that he has never used such an expression, which he believes his gay friends would find very offensive". MICHAEL DE-LA-NOY Hove, East Sussex

Investors prove Britain's success

Sir: Alan Milburn's letter (16 October) tries to talk down the British economy's recovery. This is

flogging a very tired horse. Out in the real world, the British economy is racing ahead. Business investment is now second only to Japan in the G7 and accounts for a nigher percentage of national

Labour's obsession with league tables cannot hide the fact that all the current data points to the long-term economic fundamentals being

Why else would the IMF have said this year that Britain's performance is "enviable": To suggest that Britain is losing out in international competitiveness is laughable. Overseas investors are voting with their ehequebooks. Inward investment created over 50,000 new jobs last year and amounted to

here to succeed. MICHAEL JACK Financial Secretary to the Treasury

over £25bn. These companies come

Time out of joint

London SW7

Sir. Why is it that British Summer Time ends on 27 October, eight weeks before the shortest day, but recommences fourteen weeks after 21 December, on 30 March? By that time it is getting light at 5.40am, when few of us are awake to enjoy it. We should get our longer, brighter evenings beginning eight weeks after the shortest day, ie towards the end of February. DANIEL DENNIS

The great rail inquiry disaster

Sir: Saturday, King's Cross t"Rail gets its lines crossed". 16 October), Attempt to get copy of London to Cambridge winter timetable, which began two weeks ago. None left: "They only sent us few. You'll have to get one from

Cambridge,"
Monday, Brighton; Manage to get timetable for trains out of Brighton, For timetable, read 'timetables". Instead of one, I now

have to have four. Monday, Cambridge: Discover why I have to walk 200 yards from station to taxi rank. Taxi driver tells me Railtrack tried to triple British Rail's charges for picking up outside station.

Tuesday, Cambridge. Phone local train inquiries - referred on to national number. Phune mner, recorded vi tells me: "No information available to callers from London' (but I'm phoming from Camhridgel). Referred on to a London number; permanently engaged. In desperation, phone uld Network South East information number; get through after five-minute wait.

Yes, Sir George Young, you have every right to your complacency. Privatisation is succeeding mure triumphantly than anyone could have expected. By starving travellers of information and throwing multiple inconveniences in their paths, your fragmented and incompetently managed rail services will soon achieve the ultimate in privatisation - a mass retreat to the private car. JOHN FIELD Cambridge

Sir: Further tu your article about the problems of telephoning railway timetable inquiries. I bave just made a local phone call from my computer to Compuserve. In 45 seconds t had all the times of trains from my local station to the next one down the line, that further 10 seconds I had att the trains from Minsk to Brindisi (two randomly chosen places). It included all the places where I had to change, how long I had to wait and what facilities were available on the six different trains I would have to use.

Why is it so efficient? The service is provided by Deutsche Bahn AG. Sadly, it doesn't at present include prices, but I have no doubt that this will soon come. ROY TIPPING

.52

Language Norm

Sir: It is an absurd daydream to hupe that the world will accept English as the international anguage (letter, 15 October).

Even within Europe there is occasional chaos. At one European Union meeting, a French speaker said that to find a solution they needed "la sagesse normande". This was translated as: "We need Norman Wisdom."

Esperanto is a proved, practical and simple solution. CONNOR WALSH London SIV15

Sizzling wigs Sir: Now that The Independent

boasts a tabloid section, can we expect an increased interest in the sexual preferences of public figures? Your headline "Senior judges turn on Major" (9 October) was a nasty shock. CBLACKER Ston Easton, Somerse

Reunited after 30 years

Clare Short and her son Toby talk exclusively to Suzanne Moore about the pain of separation and the pleasure of coming to know one another



Clare Short and her son, Toby Graham, yesterday

are Short says she has never felt hapintroduces me to her on Toby and is delighted wheo I say I can see the resemblance. Tohy Graham is the son she had to have adopted when she was a 19-year-old student at Birmingham. Now he is a 31-yearold solicitor working in the city and married with two children

that one day he would come back to her, and now that he has they sit arm in arm throughout the interview, aowering each other's questions, finishing off each other's sentences, laughing and hugging, hugely happy just to be in each others

"We've got the same haods, the same veins, the same insides. Look," says Clare. Both she and Toby show me their wrists to see if I can see the simitarity they can see. They are still excited by this. After all, as Toby explains, this is only their

nioth meeting. They have only been reunited for four weeks. Before then, the last time Clare saw her son was when she handed over the six-week-old Toby to a private adoptioo agency. A few months after after her 18th hirthday in 1964, and in her first year at university, she found herself pregnant Her first thought was "My

parents". She adds: "I come from a Catholic family, you know. I wrote to them. They were on hioliday in Ireland. t wrote them separate letters and Mum confiscated the one to Dad so he didn't ever read my letter. They were very differnt times. Now I'm very close to my mother. She lives with me in Birmingham and we talk about everything. But then... She couldn't talk about such things so there wasn't much talk. No one shouted at me hut there it was, a fait accompli - we

got married." She married Toby's father in 1964, before the baby was born. They were together for seven

Was abortion ever an option? "It wasn't legal but upper-middle-class people used to go to Harley Street," says Clare. "My family would oever have agreed so I didn't really contemplate it. I suppose I did, but I was uoder 21 so I would have had to get permission. I wouldn't consider

asking them." During the pregnancy Clare began to realise how hard it would be. "We were living in a cut-off place. I thought: 'I'm never going back to university. that it would be terrible all round, terrible for the baby. that there would be oo money, that what I was doing was best for everybody. When they came to take him it was terrible. It's been terrible ever since."

Clare, with the support of her husband, had contacted a private adoption agency, who "leapt at the idea". Clare can remember little from this time. It is as if the memories are so painful they have been wiped

She says later: "I didn't really know what I was doing. I

thought it was all just rational, and by the time my emotions were there it was too late. That's the terrible thing, not knowing emotiooally what 1 was doing. It started as sooo as he went. I hated it, so it's astonishing that I didn't know that before. Nowadays they have all these counselling systems, and if that bad been there for

me it wouldn't have happened". Her son was adopted by a comfortably off Tory family. Toby went to boarding school and theo oo to read law at the University of East Anglia. He is a charming mao who describes his childhood as "broadly happy". His adpotive mother died ten years ago and his father, he says, has been

"very relaxed, supportive and understanding" about his search for his natural parents. As Toby says: "They are good people and have done me proud". "Obviously they have," adds Clare, "He's so nice".

Brimingham University and a great admirer of Clare's. She couldn't helieve it when I told her my tittle hit of news. She thought I was joking."
Ctare proudly distributes buby pictures of Toby as he tells Officially I've been looking for my natural pareots for about a year. But in my mind I

Toby has two sisters, also

adopted. "One of them is at

suppose what triggered it was when I had a child. I waoted to know what was in the genes". Toby is married with two young children. I suggest this

always wanted to know and I

always intended to do this. I

agrees, "it's been stunning for her." Toby explains that his wife always saw the possibility for pain and was prepared for that. "Also, we're a little unit of four people and now there's all these others". Clare's family is

eno mous "Tve got 60, or 70, first cousins," she laughs. Toby describes his achooldays as enjoyable. "Boarding school is a bit Victorian but it's a good place to meet friends. It's OK ooce you are there but it's a shock at first." As a student he was a Tory. "Well, my family was", standing in a local election. Clare reads out his electioneering blurb from the blue sticker: "It says here you want to go into national politics." "At the time I did." Nowadays though, Toby would oot describe himself in these terms. Before he met Clare or knew

Joking that he has had his horizons broadened considerably lately. Toby adds: "I've been dissatisfied for a long time. The idea of another Major government fills me with absolute dread and now I'm much more interested in politics. I've started buying newspapers and reading them. I'm like lots of other people - there

who she was he had writteo to

her describing himself as a one

oation Tory who was now look-

ing at Blair.

on like this." Never having been that inter-ested before. Tohy vaguely remembers seeing Clare on Question Time. But I would never have looked at the telly and said, 'Gosh, that's my must have come as a shock to Mum'. You just go around his wife Annie. "Yes". Clare thinking she's out there some-

is just a feeling that we can't go

where and hoping that she's still

Indeed, even after their first meeting, Toby still didn't realise who Clare was, though she had tried to prepare him for it. She had registered as soon as it became possible, to say that she was available if ever her soo wanted to find her. It was the son who made the first contact. After this, she wrote back, imaging it would be the first of many letters before they met. "I wanted him to know me before he knew who I was. I wanted to protect him from the shock of being me". She wrote what Toby says is a "lovely letter". "I tried to fill him in on on family history. I said we had lots of teachers, that we were into social reform, that we were a little left. I talked about his father's family and how I regretted whal I had done. Then I explained that there was this one little problem - "I've got this slightly high-profile job and we don't want the Press crawling round. He thought 1

was being melodramatic." Toby couldn't wait to meet, and arranged to visit Clare at home. He left a message on her answering machine, not catching the surname. "When she answered the door we just sort of stared at each other for five minutes," says Toby. "You hrought your bike in," laughs Clare. "She looked familiar but I said, 'So what's this high-profile joh you've got then? She said, 'I'm an MP'."

Was it a tearful occasioo? "Not really," says Toby, "but it was a really powerful emotion. We just talked and talked. We are very emotional. I did cry, people from getting hurt, or I

but not with Clare, I haven't cried like that for years." Toby has also been reunited with his natural father, who has remarried. It has also been joyful. He has all of Clare's huge family to meet and she was going off to see her grandchildren for the first time. "She's just going to

pace for Annie, my wife." Clare told Tony Blair as soon as she found out. "He has been great. His father was adopted. We talked about that and said that he didn't meet his real grandfather because of the way it was then was a source of sadness for him. Then he said: 'Clare, you are a one'.'

Was she frightened, of com-

see them sleeping in their beds. We've got to do it at the right

ing out in the open about this? "Really, it's very private. In normal life people would just get on with it. But given the job I do we can't. We don't want people to think we're hiding. Iwould prefer not to talk to the media apart from saying 'Here we are and it's wonderful'. I just hope everyone is as happy for us as we are. I haven't kept quiet about it. It happened a long time ago and you don't go round talking about the most painful thing in your life." Toby adds: "I don't think you've lied." "No," says Clare. "People asked me if I had children and I didn't have any children.

I wondered how such a traumatic experience had influenced Clare's politics. "I think there is a sense in which it shaped me in that a lot of what I do in my politics and my advice bureau is to try and stop

try to undo the hurt and that is probably stronger in me because of this".

They are also confident that they will be able to talk about any feelings of anger that some times arise after the house moon period of being reduce.
"We can do anything. Talk
about anything," says Clare.
Toby feels a complete person

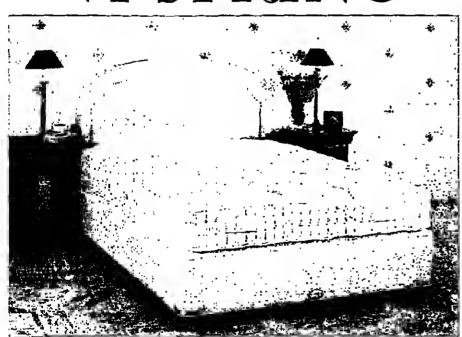
for the first time in his life. "1 know who I am, where I came from, what my roots are and that bit of my personality that was a vacuum is oow filled.

Clare says simply: "It wasn' a secret. It was a loss and o pain in me. I wasn't biding anything. The big thing at the centre of my life was painful. Of course, oow I feel fabulous. It's not painful any more. Here he is. We start talking about the Mike Leigh film Secrets and Lies

which Toby says he really wants to see, and they start teasing each other about their accents. "When I first met him I thought his accent was a bit; posh, but I don't notice it oow. When be came to lunch with my staff I asked, 'What do you think?' I know his accent's a bit posh, but he can't help that."
She hurst out giggling. "I'll have to have elecution lessons

tone it down," laughs Tohy. We talk of how widespread adoption is and yet how it's still not spoken about very much. I ask Clare if she is afraid of being attacked. "I don't care. I want everyone to know. I want to show him off. It's just a happy story." Her son agrees. "It's a wonderful story," he says as he squeezes his mother's hand. And so it is.

O The Independent



UPGRADE TO A SUPREME VI-SPRING BED AT NO EXTRA COST

TAOU ARE THINKING OF BUYING A new bed, LVi-Spring has a unique proposition for you. On new orders placed up to 11th November von can buy a St PREME version of the BARONIT, HERALD. RELAL or TIAKA for the standard model price. Vi-Spring StarkEME beds represent the ultimate in fusiery and comfort and are hand made to a higher specification than any other beds. Using the unique Vi-Spring hand pocketed spring system each tensioned seed spring works independently to rest thoroughly every part of the body.

For decades, Vi-Spring heds have been the benchmark of quality throughout the hed industry. The SUPREME versions of these beds are made to even higher specifications. The HERALD STEREME'S upholstery for example has the addition of natural curled hair for added comfort. In partner-hip with specialist retailers, Vi-Spring is funding this remarkable offer which adds up to substantial savings. Simply can out the voucher and take it to one of the participating specialists and make the comparison for yourself.

UPGRADE OFFER FOR A FULL PARTICIPATING STOCKIST LIST PLEASE CALL FREEPHONE 0800 592952 (NORMAL OFFICE HOURS)

OFFER APPLIES ONLY AT POINT OF PLACHASE TO NEW BEDS ORDERED BETWEEN 901 SEPTEMBER UND 1171 NOVEMBER 1996 FROM PARTICIPATING STOCKISTS

Writers and BBC folk: clean and reuse 'em



Miles Kington

rends in words are like trends in cooking. They come and go without anyone really understanding the principles behind them. Hands up those who really know what Balti cooking is. Nobody? As I thought. Me ocither. Hands up those who really know what "gnomie" or "palimpsest" means. Nubody? Thank you.

There is the group of trendy imported words from French and German culture. of which "Zeitgeist" is now a fading member but in whose number "genre" and

"noir" and "auteur" and "tranche" are still going quite strong. There is the ghastly gang

of words that derive from husiness babble, words such as "target" and "focus" and "profile". I talked oo a train the other day to a young BBC mao returning from a course in Milton Keynes. He said he was a strategie analyst with the BBC. I asked him what that meant. Well, he said, it meant that he helped to identify customer requirements in certain demographic areas which could be built up into programming paradigms which would lead to new strategic

straods ... You mean, I said, you find out what people want and give it to them good

and hard? No, he said, shrinking back from these horrible plain words like Mary Whitehouse from a string of obscenities, it means that I help to identify certain customer requirements ...

He did not know how to rephrase what he had just said. I was not surprised to learn that the reason be had been to Milton Keynes was for a course to teach him how to understand BBC management talk. The BBC was trying to scrape away his command of Eoglish and replace it with Birtian husiness habble. To them, he was just a

palimpsest. I would be surprised to learn that he knew what a palimpsest was. But then Gore Vidal was not sure either. He chose the word as the title for his recent book of early memoirs, yet was so unsure why he was choosing it that he confesse

as follows in his preamble:-"Palimpsest ... For years I've used this obscure word incorrectly. Worse, I've always mispronounced it, not sounding the second 's'. I had thought that the word was applicable only to architecture, like the wall of San Marco at Venice with its fragments of bas-reliefs, bits of porphyry, shards of ceramic, all set in plaster to form a palimpsest ...

"I have just now looked up the earliest meaning of 'palimpsest'. It is even more apt than I thought: 'Paper, parchment, etc. prepared for writing on and wiping

out again, like a slate', and 'a parchment, etc, which has been written upon twice, the rubbed out.' This is pretty much what my kind of writer does anyway. Starts with life; makes a text; then a RE-vision - literally, a second seeing, an afterthought, erasing some hut not all of the original while

writing something new over the first layer of text." A typical piece of Gore Vidal, that. The charm with which he admits that he, the famously fussy Gore Vidal, has been using a word wrong. The obstinacy with which he accurately describes the wrong definition.

The fastidiousness with which he brings in a reference to San Marco (NOT Saint Mark's), and words like 'porphyry' and 'shard'. And the wilful misunderstanding of the right definition to fit in with his wants in a palimpsest everything is wiped away before reuse, as he says, but a moment later he is saying that some of the original is left; which is clearly quite untrué but would not give point to his

A palimpsest, then, is a tabula rasa, a tablet wiped clean for reuse. Wett, t have spent half a century on this earth without needing that image, except in this piece, so I am amazed at the number of people on radio who do seem to need to use it.

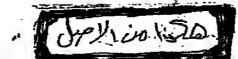
Actually, it's not a very large number. It may be only one or two. But that's still more than I'd expect, eveo if Vidal is the only one who has gone so far as to use it as a title for a memoir. I wooder if any of the other trendy, overused words knocking around in the top 100 would make a good title for a memoir ...?

Epistemology, by Melvyn Bragg, Dystopia, by Martin Amis; Hubristic, by Jeffrey Archer Aloe Vera, by Anita Roddick: Atrabilious, by lan Paisley; Focus, by Lord Lichfield: Narcolepsis, by Jilly Cooper; Deconstruction, by Gerry

Any other suggestions from readers? All good ones will be ruthlessly used and

Adams ...

attributed.



Does anyone know what Jimmy wants?

t isn't hard to see why the less robust Tories are just a little jittery about Sir James Goldsmith at the moment. This Saturday, an extraordinary and distinctly media-friendly event takes place in Brighton: the national conference of a brand new bespoke party led by a bil-lionaire with £20m to spend on the general election and a compellingly single-minded ap-proach to politics.

It's easy, of course, to dismiss the band of socialites, individualist businessmen and eccentrics - glamorous and less tomorrow night in Brighton for the Referendum Party confer-ence. The British electorate doesn't like single-issue politics. His party is scarcely a blip in the opinion polls. Peter De Savary, Geoffrey Boycott, and John Aspinall aren't really credible as the vanguard of a new political movement. But let's leave the celeh spotting to The Tatler for just a moment. The really interesting question about this weekend's jamboree is whether it provides an answer to the most intriguing question: what does Jimmy want?

Frightened politicians for a start. It would take a column far longer than this to list the many extreme differences between Sir James Goldsmith and Lloyd George. But they have one feature in common. The 1918 general election is commonly called "the coupon election", because

the Liberal and Conservative coalition candidates had to be certified as satisfactory sup-porters of the wartime Prime Minister before being sure they would be unopposed. The diehard Asquithian Liberals either refused or were refused a coupon and only a minority were elected. The Liberals were smashed as a conequence, but that's another matter.

Sir James is now operating his own version of a coupon election, and with even more zeal than the coalition leaders did in 1918. In an Interview with BBC TV's On the Record last Sunday, Sir James chillingly explained how every MP's record was examined for whether he had voted for a referendum: "Whenever they have done so they get a certain number of points; whenever they've failed to vote, voted against or abstained they get no points."

It is obvious therefore that the 78 MPs wbo voted for Bill Cash's Referendum Bill earlier in the year, some of them directly because of fear of Sir James, have a good chance of high points. But what of Sir Michael Spicer, a leading Maastricht rebel who voted in favour of a referendum on the treaty? Sir James was uncompromising: "Michael Spicer's history is one of moving with the wind ... I do not believe in what he says and his voting record is not impeccable." Never mind that Sir James's own views have evolved a bit since he proposed in the French edition of *The Trap*, "central powers" for Brussels over "diplomacy and defence", the rigour with which Sir James is awarding his metaphorical coupons has something of the flavour of a mid-century Troiskvite sect.



DonaldMacintyre

Political explanation runs into the sand. Perhaps the answer lies deep in Sir James Goldsmith's psyche

But being scary can't be the whole answer. In theory Sir James just wants a Euro-referendum. But a referendum on what exactly? The exact details, it seems, would be worked out by a Speaker's Conference. But to make Sir James pack up his tent, it would have to pose four options: 1) staying in the EU as it is; 2) returning to a pre-Maastricht EU; 3) being in an EU which was just an Efta-style free trade order at 10 are 11 are 12 are 12 are 12 are 12 are 13 are 13 are 13 are 13 are 14 are 14 are 15 are of the EU altogether. Two and
Three look startlingly similar to
Four, since it's surely impossible
to imagine the rest of the EU opting for either just because the British electorate was in favour of them. And yet, as I understand it, Sir James would not be satisfied with a simple referen-dum on whether Britain should be in or out of the EU.

The campaign line, of course, is that Sir James's own political agenda has nothing to do with the Referendum Party. Yes, he's anti-EU (now) but withdrawal is anti-EU (now) but windrawal is not a party objective. Nor is the one goal which can be ascribed to Sir James that distinguishes him from every leading British politician, including, notably Lady Thatcher: Sir James opposes global free trade. He's long been a champion of European protectionism against the US and the Far East. Now it is possible that Sir James might attract some militant young Tories anxious to revisit the

anti-American protectionist tendencies of previous generations on the right. But it's almost impossible to understand bow his long-held enthusiasm for European tariff barriers squares with his desire to dismantle the EU as we know it. Indeed the "what does he want" question is now so confusing that it's almost easier to fall back on the psychological explanation offered by his biographer Geoffrey Wansell. According to Wansell, Goldsmith's greatest regret was that his "unconventional personal life" had prevented him entering politics. A regret all the keener because his MP father,

Frank, lost his seat in the wave of anti-German feeling at the end of the First World War.

This week his party is claiming a fresh momentum. Ten thousand are said to have registered as "active supporters" after the media blitz of the past few days. Yesterday Sir James challenged Jacques Santer to a TV debate after the European Commission complained about the content of his newspaper advertisements. A spokesman for Sir James denied persistent reports from Vienna that be is planning to form a grouping in the European Parliament with Jörg Haider. But even supposing such momen-tum could be sustained, I doubt if the Referendum Party will have remotely as much impact in the hallot box as it will have on TV screens.

Last week Sir James publicly "vomited" over the present generation of professional politi-cians, their evasions and their prevarications. But for all their low opinions of the messy accommodations of party politics the electors are more grimly realistic about the alternatives

Nothing for something - the Nineties way by Ann Treneman

ark Howartb was 23 and wanted to make life. He bad been on the dole, worked in a pie factory and behind a bar. A week of work experience at

Radio Stoke came to nothing, but be was luckier at Ray-mond's press agency in Derby. "Not a word was said, but it graduated from work experience to voluntary work," he says.

That lasted for three months. His mum and dad had

to belp him out, and finally, just when he was getting desperate for money, Raymond's offered him a job - the kind that comes with a monthly pay cheque. "It was a fantastic feeling. It really was all worth it," be says. That was more than a year ago.
Some people might consider

this a modern-day version of slave labour. Mark and his employer disagree. "I've worked jobs for £75 a week that I considered slave labour. This was not slave labour. It was something I had to do to make my mark and get on the ladder," he says.

In Nineties Britain, it is strange but true that one of the best ways to get a job is to work for nothing. "I just think it is amazing how many people are working for nothing," says one twentysomething who did not want his name used for fear of want his name used for fear of losing his non-job. "Sometimes
I get outraged by it, and then
suddenly I remember that I am
working for nothing, too."
It's the kind of memory trick

experienced by hundreds, if not thousands, of Britons. It used to be that nohody discussed salaries out of discretion; now it may be that they simply don't have one to be discreet about. These "job" arrangements are often casual, secretive, ad hoc. After all, this is essentially a feudal relationship, and serfs are not

best known for speaking out. The Government knows marshal one fact about unpaid workers or work experience. There is no category for them in the labour force survey, so officially they do not exist. The Department for Education and Employment suggests the national Foundation for Educational Research, but a query on figures only brings a

without figures, the experts are lost. "The basic problem with this area is precisely its informality," says Michael White of the Policy Studies Institute. "There are no statis-



In Britain today it is strange but true that one of the best ways to get a job is to work for no pay. But where does exploitation begin?

Sue Dirmikis's anecdotes are superior to most. She heads the University of London's King's College careers office, and does not hesitate when asked if unpaid work experience can last for months. "Definitely, that's normal. That's my experience. I do caution people, bowever, to be sure that the work they are doing is

being appreciated."

Britain has a black market and a grey market, but this is an invisible market. No one knows when volunteering ends and work hegins. When does

tics on it. One is very much stuck with anecdotes." exploitation start? Some up on qualifications," he says. "People wanting to get into never cough up. To what lengths will the young and hopeful go? As Bert Clough of the TUC notes, "Everybody wants to be Jeremy Paxman these days." But Paxman's Rule must be that there can only be

Ian Christie, of the Henley Centre for Forecasting, sees unpaid work as a trend especially prevalent in the arts, the environment and the media. In all of these areas, demand for jobs far outstrips supply. "The more the labour market tight-

ens, the more you see a bidding

these areas are going to find that having the right qualifications is not enough. There will be a bidding up on experience, too. Some will find that they have to do a long, unpaid

apprenticeship. But who is getting hurt here? Mark Howarth and his employer have emerged as winners. And if a volunteer worker" feels exploited, it should not be that bard to leave. Perhaps the only losers are those who miss their career break because they cannot afford to work for free. They're

back at the pie factory, dreams

There is a more pernicious trend, though. We are living though a great blurring of the lines between work and pay. As apprenticeships have died, training schemes have blossomed. Now they are booming. and in their wake trails the likes of Workfare. It has not escaped people's notice that one of the employers in Kent to take on the pilot project is a Napoleonic fort whose foundations were

built on slave labour. Work experience is not slave labour, but it is still work for no pay, and inevitably this is the kind of trend that confuses some employers into thinking that it is normal for some jobs to be done for free. The Freebie Factor is no trifling matter: it is easy to believe that it is your right to have that holiday, that bottle of whisky, that keen young thing to do the photo-copying. "I think it certainly is the case increasingly that if employers can get people to work for very little or nothing. they will employ them," says Bharti Patel, deputy director of the Low Pay Unit.

This could be a factor behind the fall in bourly wages. "The lowest-paid male manual work-ers now earn less, relative to the average, than in 1886 when figures were first collected," says Ms Patel. Downshifting can be self-defeating. In Oregon, in the western United States, it is illegal to pump your own petrol. The reason for this law is to protect the kind of minimum-wage service jobs that every economy needs. It is far better to be pumping petrol

than unemployed.

That sort of thinking does not fit in Britain's enterprise economy, where people work longer hours than anywhere else in Europe. A new book. The Blair Revelation, by Michael Barratt Brown and Ken Coates, notes that some two million more people could have been employed if everyone worked a hours. As the Low Pay Unit director Chris Pond has said: "We're about to enter the next century, but many people are stranded in the last."

A hundred years ago, it was normal for parents to pay employers for an apprentice ship for their child. As more young hopefuls find ad hoc apprenticeships, parents are once again digging deep into their pockets. After all, if their sons and daughters want a job, they should be prepared to work for it. That is the

hen the invitation arrived to dine at Sudeley Castle, I thought, Well of course, I am very much a castle kinda guy these days. I've reached that stage of maturity, that pitch of distinction, that plane of sophistication which should. by rights, ensure invitations to stately homes and battlemented fortresses come flocking like Hitchcock sparrows through my letter box every weekend. If I possessed a valet. I would have instructed him to lay out my smoking jacket and monogrammed shirt (if I possessed either) and pack the old soup-and fish into the Louis Vuitton matching hags (if I possessed one) before motoring to Gloucestershire in the Morgan with the leather belt over he bonnet (guess). Being, however, grindingly poor and humble, I filled an overnight

1. 18

matching socks and the Booker shortlist, hauled on my fake-Armani two-piece, and headed for Paddington. En route to Cheltenham (our hostess was sponsoring one of the events at the Literary Festival), I fell into a pleasing reverie: the courtyard

ablaze with lights from mul-

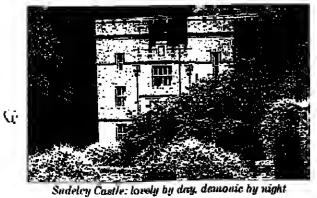
lioned windows, the noise of a

bug with toothbrushes, non-

hrace of Irish wolfhounds dismembering some unfortunate villein in the outhouses, flaming torches on the castle's ancient frontage, ancient oaks past which one's limo grandly sweeps, a gruff word of wel-come from Borage, the gnarled but loyal butler, and one's lovely hostess framed in the doorway: 'John, bow lovely. I've put you in the

anese Room... Bafflingly, no limo greeted bered by bricfcase and overnight bag, I hailed a cab. As we speeded the 10 miles that lay between me and an evening of tinkling laughter and chaps offering you snuff, I realised I was starving. And it was \$.30pm and I was gasping for a drink. Ah well (1) promised my reflection), 15 minutes from now, you'll be drowning in Kir Royales and

haloed in Passing Clouds. We stopped at an uncompromising gate, chained and padlocked and bearing a message that people with deliveries should consider delivering them somewhere else (Stroud, say). The driver opined that I would have to walk. Certainly not, I said, kindly drop me off in front of the castle, beside the mullioned windows etc. No chance matey, he retorted,



It came to me: I was in a comic novel. Not Tom Sharpe, more Wodehouse

it's here or nothing. So, hriefcase and overnight bag in hands, I set off on the mile or so to the castle, whose lights you could see as a spectral gleam through the trees.

It was hellish dark, illumi-nated by fitful moonlight that turned the trees into silhouettes of huge animals throttling smaller ones. I thought of Dana Andrews being pursued by a fiend on a forest in Night of the Demon. My footsteps rang with diminishing confidence as I got near another gate, a much larger one like at the entrance to Citizen Kane's Xanadu. It was festooned with barbed wire. It didn't actually say "Tres-passers will be shot", but the message was clear. I took an adjacent pathway that, instead of leading towards the castle, kept steering you away from it. And every time you thought to climb the fence, it became all businesslike, with

saw-tooth wire and spikes. The pathway disimproved into a muddy track. The moon disappeared, as did my chances of a Kir Royale. I climbed one fence, then a stile in a patch of nettles. I tried whistling "I Got No Strings To Tie Me Down" to keep my spirits up, but no sound came (thirst, you see). My spotlessi

brogues had started to resemhle tournedos en croute. Finally a huge fence loomed, beyond which lay a car park - and, in trying to manoeuvre both bags over the fence while raising one leg, I snagged the fake Armani trousers on razor-wire. It was at that moment, as I hung suspended by a single thread, lost, bemuddied, knackered, luggage-burdened, starving, kir-deprived and keeping an eye out for a mastiff or a sign saying "Beware Ferocious Bull", that it came to me: I was living in a comic novel. Not Tom Sharpe, more like Wodehouse. I'd become one of those foolish young men from town arriving to pitch some woo at Lord Emsworth's pretty nieces.

An hour later - de-muddied, slaked and fed - I turned to the lady on my right. "I had-n't heard of Sudeley Castle," I said. "Is it Norman?" "I've no idea," she said, "but I'm sure you know it was the original of Blandings, don't you?"

verheard the other day by a friend in Hatchards of Piccadilly (bookshop to the gentry): female assistant at cash register says pleasantly to chatty account customer, "Oh yes, we get all sorts in here. Why last Friday, in the

space of one hour, we bad the Duchess of Kent buying gardening books... and General Pinochet buying books on Mil-itary History and Diplomacy". And taking tea and fondant fancies together in Formums afterwards, I'll be bound. (Now that would be a story...)



The Duchess of Hatchards

emember the little American boy who was Vaccused of sexual harrassment for kissing a little girl in his class? Well in Connecticut, they're now trying to arraign a dog for numan-nerly conduct. What's more (oh joy, oh bliss), the owner of the accused is a judge.

According to my copy of Dogs Today (I get it for the Superior Court Judge named Howard Moraghan habitually brings bis golden retriever Kodak to the court. While hanging around the clerks' office, Kodak, who is possessed of a lively and rather um, direct personality, habitually goes up to women wearing skirts and nuzzles them. But rather than greet the dog's overtures with the tra-ditional strangled laugh and a bit of squirming, one of Kodak's victims is suing him,

via his owner, for "aggressive

has stuck its nose under the plaintiff's skirt and pointed its snout upwards towards ber crotch". The poor plain-tiff is claiming "emotional distress" and that she is being discriminated against because of her gender - Kodak, it seems, has no interest in male crotches (and who can blame him?). She says the judge only smirks at her distress - and he says the threatened action is "preposter-ous". I tend to agree. You simply cannot go around accusing dumh and friendly

their noses are at the same level as somebody's gusset. Seeking to belo the defence's case, the editor of Dogs Today, Beverley Cuddy, called in the advice of Dr Roger Mugford, an animal behaviour specialist, who said: "Dogs greet each other that way. It's a rich source of information. Their superior noses can tell age, sex, health - even whal has most



Retriever on the rack

B A R N E nuzzling". On at least three occasions, a Ms Barbara Monsky complains, "the dog $T \circ M$ STOPPARD NICK ORNBY animals of being hostile cun-JUNG nilinguaphiliacs just because JULIET Excuse me a moment. Feel a EVENSON all reading and signing on behalf of the Medical Foundation for the Care of Victims of Torture on Friday 18th October at 6.30pm at the RSA, 8 John Adam Strect To reserve your ticket call Waterstone's

on 0181 996 4327 or 0181 543 3605

All tickets are £15 and include wine

Senior Wickes management was aware of bogus profits 6 months before disclosure

Wickes' senior management were aware of accounting irreg-ularities at the group's DIY business at least six months before they made the problems public, it emerged yesterday. The admission is contained in a letter sent to Wickes shareholders yesterday by the new chairman, Michael von Brentano. The letter attempts to detail how the accounting difficulties

arose and who was responsible. It states: "Instances came to light in 1995 in Wickes' businesses in the UK and on the Continent of rebates and contributions being booked as profit in the group's accounts earlier than was justified. The board believes that senior management and the auditors [Arthur Andersen] should have reacted more effectively to these warn-

mg signals."
Wickes did not make a public disclosure about the problems until June this year, when it admitted that its profits might have been over-stated due to the incorrect accounting of supplier rebates and contributions. Henry Sweetbaum resigned as

chairman the following day. The company has not re-vealed what these "instances" were. However, it admits that they included the poorly per-forming Hunter Timber husi-September 1995. The company consistencies" in the accounting

methods during that year.

demanded the return of their rebates and contributions when the

business was sold in 1995. Management's failure to dis close the problems earlier is just cluded in the damning report, which was delayed for more than two weeks due to legal difficulties.

The report confirms a systematic attempt to conceal the accounting scam that centred on the buying department. It con-cluded that there was "serious mismanagement", "deliberate misrepresentation" and "uncommercial arrangements." It said profits were over-stated by £51m between 1992-96 at Wickes Building Supplies, the group's main DIY retailing subsidiary. Some of the activities, such as

the misleading of the auditors. are contrary to criminal law. However, the Serious Fraud Office says it is not yet investigat ing the Wickes affair. The DTI also says that it has not moved to ban any of the Wickes management from acting as a diright to take action against its auditors, Arthur Andersen.

The six page document says immediate responsibility for the problems lay with former chairman, Henry Sweetbaum, who had "ultimate responsibility for the group's policies on rebates and contributions."It continues: "He must therefore accept responsibility for what occurred in the buying department, which he has done, and for the failure of the group's senior manage-The company declined to elabment to implement controls to orate further, and denied sug- prevent it from occurring."



any knowledge of the irregular-ities, is to pay back £720,000 net of tax. This represent two thirds of the payments he received under the group's long-term in-centive plan. He is waiving any right to future payments under amounted to £885,000. He is also waiving any claim for compensation for loss of office. The company has agreed to take no

action against him. He retains his pension which has a capital value of £2.9m. Trefor Llewellyn, the former finance director, now at Caradon, who also denied knowledge of the problems, will repay £485,000 of his long-term bonus payments. The company has agreed to make no claim against him. Mr Llewellyn was succeeded as finance director by Stuart Stradling in August 1995. who resigned from the group 1995, £14m in 1994 and £11m in

Michael Corner has stepped down as group administration director and resigned from the board. He is not repaying any of the £600,000 he received in

annual bonus and long-term in-

centive plan payments last year.

He will be retained as a con-

stiltant and no claim will be made against him. Les Rosenthal and UK commercial director Chris Miles,



any payment for loss of office. The company is reserving the right to take further action against them. Disciplinary proceedings involving further middle ranking executives and more junior employees will be implemented in due course.

The report states that profits at Wickes Building Suppliers were over-stated by £16m in

lated to the incorrect booking of supplier rebates which were often linked to "unrealistic volume signed to generate rebates and contributions in one year at the expense of later years."

Group shareholder funds will be reduced by £2m due to sim-

sion will be made to cover the group's exposure to property leases relating to Builders Mate targets". The report says some and Hunter Timber. Almost

that Wickes operated at a loss in the first nine months of this year, primarily as a result of correctly accounting for supply

Sacked BET head wins £3m in compensation

Financial Editor

John Clark, the chief executive sacked from BET after a takeover by Rentokil Initial, yesterday won £3m in compensation, in a decision that could dramatically increase the size of future executive payoffs.

Although Mr Clark received only half the forn he asked for, because he failed to win an additional £3m claim for lost share options, the court awarded him the full benefit of his three-year rolling contract. Normally executives receive much less than the full amount of their contracts, because the payoffs are negotiated down-

ward when they depart. The award stunned Rentokil Initial, which called it an "enormous sum" and announced it would appeal. It is four times the £750,000 Rentokil Initial paid into court before the case. and three times the £tm that Mr

for, shortly after missed in April.

However, a Rentokil Initial spokesman said the company was astonished by the claim that Mr Clark had offered to settle for film. "Our final offer was £950,000 and we never received an offer to settle for £1m."

Mr Clark, 55, said he had offered to have the matter referred to independent arbitration so that it could be dealt with quickly and privately to save £600,000 legal costs, which Rentokil's shareholders will now have to pay.

He added that he was now eager to continue his search for a "new challenge" as chief exec-

utive in a big organisation.

During the hearing, there were claims from Rentokil Initial's side that Mr Clarke had spent the summer playing golf and had not seriously looked for a job, and counter claims that it was unlikely that somebody

Clark said he offered to settle his age could find another post | terday launched a telephone as chief executive.

Mr Justice Timothy Walker rejected suggestions by BET that Mr Clark had not taken proper steps to mitigate his financial loss by seeking alternative employment.

The judge accepted evidence from a consultant who said he could recall only two instances when clients had accepted applicants over the age of 55.

The award was for loss of £490,000 salary .- including increases - during the three-year notice period to which he was entitled under his rolling contract, plus damages for loss of ion rights, bonus payments of 50 per cent of salary, an ex-ecutive car and chauffeur, health insurance and the value

of holiday entitlement. Mr Clark was head-hunted by BET in 1991. He much improved the group's fortunes and there was no suggestion he was sacked for failure.

Morgan reassures clients as heads roll

Deutsche Morgan Grenfell yesouslaught on its key clients to reassure them about its fund management subsidiary's prospects, as it confirmed that four top directors and a compliance officer had been fired.

of Morgan Grenfell Asset Management, who has been replaced by Robert Smith, who headed Morgan Grenfell's in vestigation into the £180m fund management scandal.

However, Morgan's attempt to reassure its clients was met with reservations by the Mer-

The most senior departure chant Navy Officers' Pension fell's revival has left." His inwas Keith Percy, chief executive Fund, which is to review its contract with the company. Geoff Henry, chief executive of the fund, which has over £200m at Morgan, said: This is something for the trustees to consider. Keith has built up a strong team." He added " It's obviously a concern that the person who was

the architect of Morgan Gren-

December and will not discuss Morgan Grenfell before then. Mr Smith; a 52-year-old Glaswegian, said: "Obviously with change like this some peo-

ple may reconsider. We've spo-ken to big institutional funds and we seem to be getting sup-portive comments back."

Kirkham family to

rector of Morgan Grenfell Unit Trust Managers, Michael Wheatgan Grenfell Asset Management and Glyn Owen, chief myestmen officer for the international division of Morgan Grenfell Asset Management, were also shown

Guardian revives plans for listing

Mathew Horsman Media Editor

Guardian Media Group, owners of the Guardian and Ob-server newspapers, is believed to have revived plans to seek a stock market listing for some of its key assets, in part to raise equity funds to offset growing losses at its ailing Sunday title.

The plan would see the company's Auto Trader title, its ndependent television production companies and other non-core assets pooled into a single company, possibly Broad- could have the backing of sevits subsidiaries.

The Guardian Media Group, controlled by the Scott Trust, would sell shares in the enlarged subsidiary, although it is believed GMG would continue to hold a majority stake. The equity funds raised would be used in part to help finance the de-

velop of the two national titles. The plan is similar to one contemplated in 1989, which was rejected by the Scott Trust. It is believed that the current plan

casting Communications, one of eral GMG directors. Directors contacted yesterday did not return phone calls. Harry Roche, the executive chairman of the group, could not be reached. It is believed the plan may have been developed with the help of Hambros Bank. The

> bank had no comment. The Observer has been a significant drain on the group, and several efforts have been made to turn it around. Most recently, the title was relaunched with a new editor. Will Hutton.

DFS Furniture, yesterday an-nounced that his two children are to sell the bulk of their 22

Nigel Cope

per cent stake in the company, aising up to £120m. The sale comes a year after Sir Graham sold 74 million shares worth £60m. Three years ago the ebullient Yorkshire-man and his immediate family

raised £130m when DFS was

Sir Graham Kirkham, the York-

shire entrepreneur who runs

loated on the stock market. Sir Graham said his two children, Michael and Julie were selling the shares to spread their portfolio of investments. "My children's shareholding in DFS represents the vast maority of their personal assets. Given they have no involvement at all in the running of the company and are married with children of their own, they consider a broader investment portfolio more appropriate to their indi-vidual needs and circum-

Sir Graham said his children would retain "a meaningful stake" in the company. He

stances."

sell stake in DFS added that he had no plans to sell his remaining 8 per cent

Sir Graham gave the shares to his two children in the earth 1980s. Michael Kirkham, 29 works for an overseas charity. Julic Cross, 30, recently gave birth to a second child.

Sir Graham said he was not

disappointed with the decision. "I would say there is no better place for their money than in DFS. But they are both adults. If they feel it is right for them would want to support them. I'm not disappointed at all." He said no decision had been made on how the funds might he invested. He hinted that some might be invested in art. which would appeal to Sir Graham, who splashed out on a Gainsborough paining ahead of the company's flotation. He said the family had no investments in property "which some

might see as a gap".
The planned share sale was made alongside an impressive set of figures for last year which showed DFS profits increased by 19 per cent to £31m.

Inflation danger as public borrowing hits £3.4bn Although the gilts market fell in reaction to the figures, an-

Diane Coyle Economics Editor

Signs of inflationary pressures huilding up in the jobs market alarmed the City yesterday, as did figures showing that government borrowing was surprisingly high last month.

The headline unemployment

rate in September fell to 7.4 per

cent, its lowest for more than

five years, while the gap be-

tween public spending and lax revenues was, at £3.4bn, above £1hn more than expected. Labour called for an independent audit of the public finances ahead of next month's Budget. "The British people have a right to know the real

state of the nation's books," said

Alan Milburn, the Treasury

These terrible figures show that the Government is continuing to run up debt at the rate of over £1,000 per second." said Malcolm Bruce, spokesman for the Liberal Democrats.

But the Chancellor is still expected to approve plans for tax cuts worth £2bn to £4bn at the Treasury's pre-Budget meeting tomorrow. Analysis think he will also leave the cost of borrowing unchanged after the next monetary meeting, due on 30

The unemployment claimant count fell by 35,600 to 2,073,100 last month, the biggest monthly drop since December 1994 when the economy was growing

19734.70 0.751

12490.70 10204.87 3.27†

2728.45 2253.36 1.711

well above trend. The number of vacancies at Jobcentres in-Employment rose by 35,000

The Labour Force Survey, a survey of employees, showed an increase of 70,000 in employment in the April-June quarter, the in June-August, of which 15,000

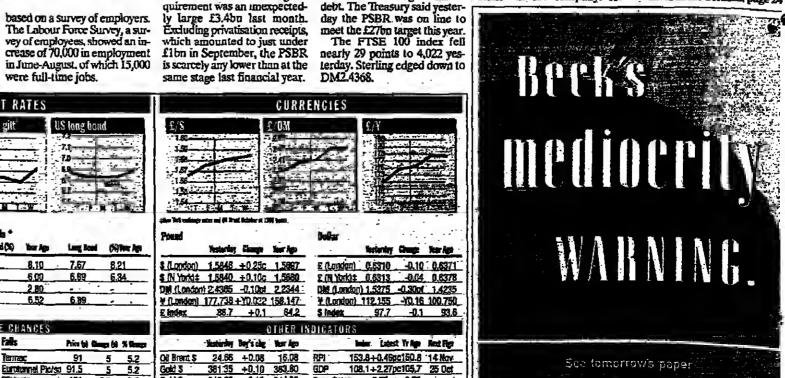
Eurotemnel Pic/so 91.5

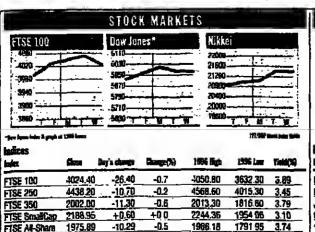
Most worrying for the finan-cial markets, the underlying growth of average carnings was estimated at 4 per cent in August, with July's figure revised up to the same level. Earnings have now been on an upward trend for more than a year. This will no doubt fuel con-

labour market are tightening." said Alex Garrard, an economist at UBS. Separate figures showed that the Public Sector Borrowing Re-

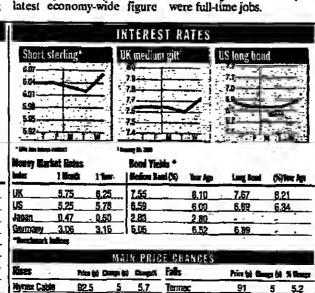
alysts agreed the gap between revenues and spending would be close to target. "The public fi-nances are still on an improving trend," said Simon Briscoe at investment bank Nikko. Tax revenues have grown in line with the Treasury forecast ceru that conditions in the so far this year, but spending is

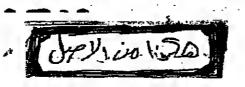
running ahead of plans. Last outh this was due partly to a £1.2bn one-off payment to clear some index-linked government





-32 74





1.0

1

Life.

17.45

GIÚN.

1200

26

20

: ":



s at Smiths

ensions

H. JEREMY WARKE

Others with equally little idea of the thievery going on beneath their noses. and yet responsibility for those directly to blame, have meanwhile been

thrown to the wolves!

Nothing can touch Mr Smug and Mr Smooth et's call them Mr Smug and Mr Smooth. On second thoughts, why beat about the hush? We are talking here about John Manser, chief executive of Robert Fleming.

and Michael Dobson, chief executive of Deutsche Morgan Grenfell. Both ford it over organisations which have recently been linked with scandalous financial crookery, rat trading in Hong Kong for Robert Fleming, and fraudulent misuse of other people's money in the case of Morgan Grenfell

Both have been grovelling in their apologies and contrite in the extreme over what occurred. And yet both of them are still there. Others with equally little idea of the thievery going on beneath their noses, and yet line responsibility for those directly to hlame, have meanwhile been thrown to the wolves. Five of them went yesterday at Morgan Greufell Asset Management, including the likeable Keith Percy, its chief executive. Three have already gone at Robert Fleming.

They may or may not have deserved their fate. But what of Mr Smug and Mr Smooth? What are they still doing there? And why is there still no evidence of root and branch reform in the organisations they manage? The simple answer to these questions is that neither of them heads up publicly quoted companies. If they had, they would have been gone by now. Robert Fleming is still privately owned and largely family controlled. Morgan Grenfell is part of Deutsche Bank. So both have been shickded from the full force of accountability and responsibility.

ourable thing and offered to fall on his sword
or that is what the spin doctors would have you believe anyway - but were eventually prevailed upon to suffer the burden of office and salary a little longer, so as to sort ont the mess and provide continuity. There is scant evidence of anything changing very much, however. Despite the dearouts, there are no new brooms to sweep away the old. and presumably rotten, culture. The management clearout has involved little more

than a reshuffling of the pack. Nor has either Mr Dobson or Mr Manser been able to offer any kind of credible explanation for what occurred. Mr Dobson has described it as an "isolated incident", as if it were no more than an embarrassing faux pas dropped over dinner with his shooting pals. Mr "I was misquoted" Manser, has mean-while railed against the regulators (don't you just hate them). "Honestly! Why is it that we all have to spend so much time answering to these people," he might have said. The contrast with the scrutiny our MPs

and politicians are now being subjected to could hardly be greater or more revealing. Here is David Willetts, a former whip, hauled over the coals, lambasted, crucified, up before the beak and about to face a pubfic grilling of the most daunting variety, merely for doing his job and writing a memo on how the damage to the Government being wrought by allegations of sleeze might be limited.

Parliament looks like a model of restraint. probity and deceocy set against the sort of nonsense that was going on at Morgan Gren-fell and Robert Fleming. The "offences" complained of are nit-picking by comparison. Are organisations that occupy positions of public trust to be thought so very different from those who hold positions of public service? Clearly so, judging by the way these things are being swept under the car-pet. What action regulators are taking occurs behind closed doors in smoke-filled

تعكدًا من المذهبل

No wonder those not connected with the City, which is the great hulk of the British population, have come to mistrust it so much. It is not just its salaries and markets that seem to belong to an altogether differ-ent world. Its standards of morality, disclosure and accountability appear to have been beamed down from another planet too. And small wonder too that so many of our MPs want to swap the goldfish bowl of polities for the anything-goes environment of

Out of the darkness and into the whitewash

Since they sell the stuff, we should perhaps ont be too surprised to discover that Wackes shows a dah hand at applying the whitewash. And, boy, is there plenty of it on arring the six-page letter from Michael von Hardly Mr Sweethaum, who still walks away around the Wickes trading concept."

acular accounting scandals of our time.

The feeble attempt to news manage the story by selectively leaking it has, as so often happens, backfired spectacularly as well. No one emerges with any credit from this shabby episode. Henry Sweetbaum, former chairman and chief executive, is held "ultimately responsible" and the company is left wondering if it has any future.

But back for a moment to the stuff that

washes whiter. Here we have a company that has overstated profits by £51m in the past four years, miraculously transformed a £9m operating loss in 1995 into a £17m profit and comprehensively pulled the wool over investors' eyes. We also know that "senior management and the auditors" (Arthur Andersen) were given warning signals in the shape of "instances" which came to light io 1995 of long-term supplier rebates being

booked as instant profits.

And yet it was a full six months, probably looger, before Wickes decided to share these interesting titbits with the outside

Where was the audit committee, you int ask. Where, for that matter, were the non-executive directors, including the pre-seor chairman, while all this was going on? arey were never properly informed, is the lawyer-approved answer.

Very well, then who pays the price?

Brentano, explaining how shareholders with a £2.9m pension, one-third of his came to be stung by one of the more specificant and an agreement that the command bonuses and an agreement that the company will make no claim against him. Ditto the former finance director and group administration director. Which just leaves two directors of the buying department of a group subsidiary and an unspecified number of middle-ranking managers and jumin employees to carry the can.

It may be the case that pursuing lawsuits against former directors would have been an extravagant distraction when the more urgent task is to save the ship. That is going

to take some doing.

Set against the misdemeanours of the past. the revelation that shareholders will have to take a further £10m hit on Wickes' costly disposals of Builder's Mate and Hunter Timber seems small beer.

All the same, the extra write downs have conspired to blow to bits what little remained of shareholders' funds. Meanwhile net debt is £65m and losses are piling up at the trad-

The proposed solution is to shore up the balance sheet with a £30m rights issue once the directors get around to refiling the 1994 and 1995 accounts.

But having been kept largely in the dark for four mooths and deprived of the opportunity to bale out of the stock since its suspension in June, why should any shareholder want to join Mr von Brentano in his mission impossible to "build a new business ethic"

BAe partner wins bid for Thomson

Chris Godsmark **Business Correspondent**

British Aerospace's drive to lead the rationalisation of the European defence industry was given a huge boost yesterday when its French missiles partner, Lagadère, was chosen as the preferred hidder in the privatisation of Thomson, the country's state-owned defence and electronics giant.

The decision was widely seen as:a set-back for GEC, which close links with the rival hidder for Thomson, the industrial group Alcatel Alsthom. The news sent shares in BAe surging ahead, ending the day 19p higher at 1132.5p, while shares in GEC fell 11.5p to 386.5p.

Chris Avery a leading aero-space analyst from the French table as the European defence industry consolidates. GEC will have to be invited along later." The French government said

it wanted to conclude the sale of Thomson by the end of the year and pledged to inject Fr11hn (£1.3bn) to rebuild the state-owned company's capital base, a bigger sum than analysts had expected. Thomson has dehts of Fr25ba.

Facing repeated questioning at a press conference in Paris, ministers refused to explain why they had chosen Lagadère's strategy or to reveal the value of the rival hids. The offer will now be be scrutinised by European Commission and the government's privatisation commission, set up to oversee the programme of state sell-offs.

As part of the deal, Thomson space analyst from the French Multimedia, the group's con-banking group Paribas, said: sumer electronics division, will "BAe now has the first seat at the be sold to Daewoo, the South Korean industrial conglomerate.

Within minutes of the announcement hundreds of angry Thomson employees demonstrated

ontside the Paris headquarters. The deal would pave the way for a merger of Thomson-CSF. the group's defence arm with sales last year of Fr35bn and after-tax losses of Fr700m, with Lagadère's defence subsidiary,

Though Lagadère had previ-ously played down the level of British involvement in such a venture during the hidding process, it comes as a clear success for BAe, which is developing a £1bn guided missiles joint venture with the French group. Sir Dick Evans, BAe's chief ex-

ecutive, has forecast that the European defence sector would have consolidated into two or three key players by the turn of the century following the lead set by contractors in the United States. But he ruled out a merger



Sir Dick Evans: Forecast two or three key players by 2000

with GEC for at least 12 months. However GEC insisted it was not disappointed at the outcome the Thomson bid battle David Newlands, the finance director, stressed that GEC also had partnerships with Lagadère and Thomson as well as its relationship with Alcatel Alsthorn.

These include a recently forged joint venture with Thomson to develop sonar equipment with annual sales of £300m. "This announcement merely moves a state company into the private sector. As such it doesn't really rationalise the European defence industry at all," he said.

Policy terms and conditions are available upon request.

Pearson seeks sale of £440m BSkyB stake

Mathew Horsman Media Editor

Pearson, the giant media con-glomerate, has stepped up efforts to realise a gain of £440m through the sale of its remaining shares in BSkyB, Rupert Murdoch's satellite company.

The shares are held through the rump of the old British Satellite Broadcasting (BSBH), and represent 14 per cent of BSkyB. The stake is worth £1.5bn. Pearson's indirect stake is about 4 per cent, worth £440m at Sky's current record-breaking share price. Other shareholders in BSBH are Pathe, the French media company, and Granada, Gerry Robinson's hotels and media conglomerate.

According to sources at Pearson and Granada, a team of accountants have been working on ways to wind up the BSBH holding for the past three months. Initial concerns about tax im-

gains during the current year in part to offset the effects of a large write-down in its controversial investment in Mindscape, the troubled US CD-Rom company, "If they can cash out of BSkyB, then they will he ahle to cross-

account this with something else," said one leading analyst. He added: "They could clear all this out this year, and hand over to the new man with a clean slate." Frank Barlow, the current managing director, is to step down by April next year, and a new chief executive is expected to be named, perhaps by

Christmas. Pearson sold its direct 8.5 per cent holding in BSkyB in Sep-

dressed, but there are still dif- in BSkyB shares since early ficulties in separating the direct and indirect holdings.

According to media analysts, Pearsoo is intent on realising to get another £440m [from the content of the conten

BSBH stake]," said one analyst, "But remember, they left a lot more than than on the table when they sold their [direct] stake so early.

Neither Pathe nor Granada intends to sell its BSkyB shares once the holding company is wound up. Pearson, however. would seek to place the shares as soon as possible. BSkyB's shares have nearly

doubled since January, fuelled by the company's rising profits, receding regulatory worries and the successful renewal of a contract to broadcast Premiership matches. Analysts point out that the stock's relatively restrained free float - only about 25 per cent has exaggerated the share price tember last year, realising rise. A sale by Pearson of its E492m. Had it waited until this BSBH shares could help allevi-

Services

amily in DF great training that we

 $\chi_{\rm Color} = 10^{10}$

15.4

the state of the second prime.

reprint the same to be

Sales to be to be brilliander.

A Harris Landy &

Assistant to morals of

27, 19 a 1 1 chear

Afternoon of their being

to the CNN Company of the

of Africa as Shifter

and the standard of Mari

(2) 1.3 (1.5) app. 420

450 000

they balled at

t maritality





American Express Services Europe Limited, Reg. Office, Portland House, 1 Stag Place, London SWIE 5BZ, Reg. No. 1833139.

Butler-Wheelhouse is cruising comfortably at Smiths

Keith Butler-Wheelhouse knows be is a lucky man. The former boss at its before one-off items to £165m, up Saab cars takes the controls as chief 19 per cent, in the year to 3 August. executive of Smiths Industries next the avionics supplier looks set fair for at least another few years of good

Under his predecessor, Sir Roger Hurn, Smiths has been transformed from a highly cyclical civilian and military aerospace group into three separately run divisions, including medical equipment and industrial products such as ventilation fans and

flexible tubing.

The unfashionable move – the antithesis of the demerger craze ber of its short-haul 737 aircraft prosweeping the City - has served investors well, the shares having outperformed a soaring stock market by more than a quarter in the past

Smiths' track record on acquisitions is second to name. Strong where production is set to ju cashflow has enabled it to splash out 32 this year to 70 by 1999. £475m over six years, expanding its medical and industrial products activities without tapping shareholders far money.

Last year was no exception as £98m was spent buying three bolton businesses, including Level 1, a
US manufacturer of blood and fluset to resume next year.

Like-for-like sales increases are id-warming systems.

Though growth has been supermonth, safe in the knowledge that charged by acquisitions, organic derlying profits up 14 per cent as trading conditions improved across

And more deals are promised.

Panmure Gordon is expected.

> In aerospace, still the largest di-vision by sales if only accounting for just over a quarter of profits, the main driver of growth is the increased profitability of the world's airlines and

their need to replace old planes.
Smiths expects Boeing, its biggest customer, to almost double the numduced from 76 this year to 160 by the end of the decade. Smiths receives up tn \$450,000 for supplying each Graham Kirkham of DFS Furniture plane with electrical equipment. It is a similar picture with Boeing's new generation of wide-bodied 777 jets, where production is set to jump from 32 this year to 70 by 1999.

The nutlook on the military side is more mixed, with the German government dragging its feet over the Eurofigher project. Orders for fighter planes from the US Air Force.

er planes from the US Air Force to 10p. There was also a special div-

Despite the acquisition spree, the bealthy and the company claims its

THE INVESTMENT COLUMN

EDITED BY NIGEL COPE

Panmure Gordon is expecting pre-tax profits of £190m for the current year and £215m in 1998. With

the shares up 12p to 803.5p, that implies a p/e ratio falling from 19 to 17. A fair rating for a quality stock.

plans by Sir Graham's two children

performing ahead of expectations.

Stake. Though this does not necessarily indicate any lack of confidence been a wonderful investment - in the company's prospects, it will year the company will carry £1.5m they have doubled in their two cast a shadow over the share price of additional training and developyears on the stock market - there and soak up any institutional are certain worries. One is the demand for the shares.

Then there is the cost of the

expansion into the South-east. which is exerting pressure on margins. DFS opened its first three stores in the London region earlier growth remained strong, with un- balance sheet is virtually debt-free new stores in the London area are to sell much of their 22 per cent to 20. The higher costs meant operating margins fell from 16.9 per cent to 15.9 per cent last year. This ment costs with seven new stores due open towards the end of this financial year.

But the prospects remain bright. With 38 stores, DFS claims 9 per cent of the UK upholstery market. Its aim of the UK upnoistery market. Its aim is a nationwide network of around 100 stores which would give it a share of around 25 per cent. Analysts are expecting profits of around £38m this year. With the shares 22p lower yesterday at 514.5p, they trade on a premium rating of 22. Expensive but a strong hold.

Questions for **Burn Stewart**

For whisky distiller Burn Stewart to publish its delayed results on the same day as DIY retailer Wickes throw more light on these issue. And revealed details of a four-month until Burn Stewart provides more and investigation into accounting swers, the shares are best avoided.

irregularities was unfortunate, to

say the least.
But Burn Stewart's directors rather made themselves a hostage to this year and now sees scope for up to 20. The higher costs meant operating margins fell from 16.9 per an accounting standard, FRS5, and insisting that publication of results for the year to June, due on 2 Oct-ober, was deferred for a fortnight.

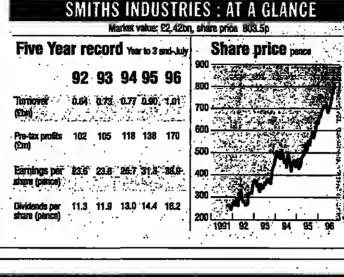
In the event, pre-tax profits collapsed 74 per cent to £1m and the dividend was cut from 5p to 3.4p.

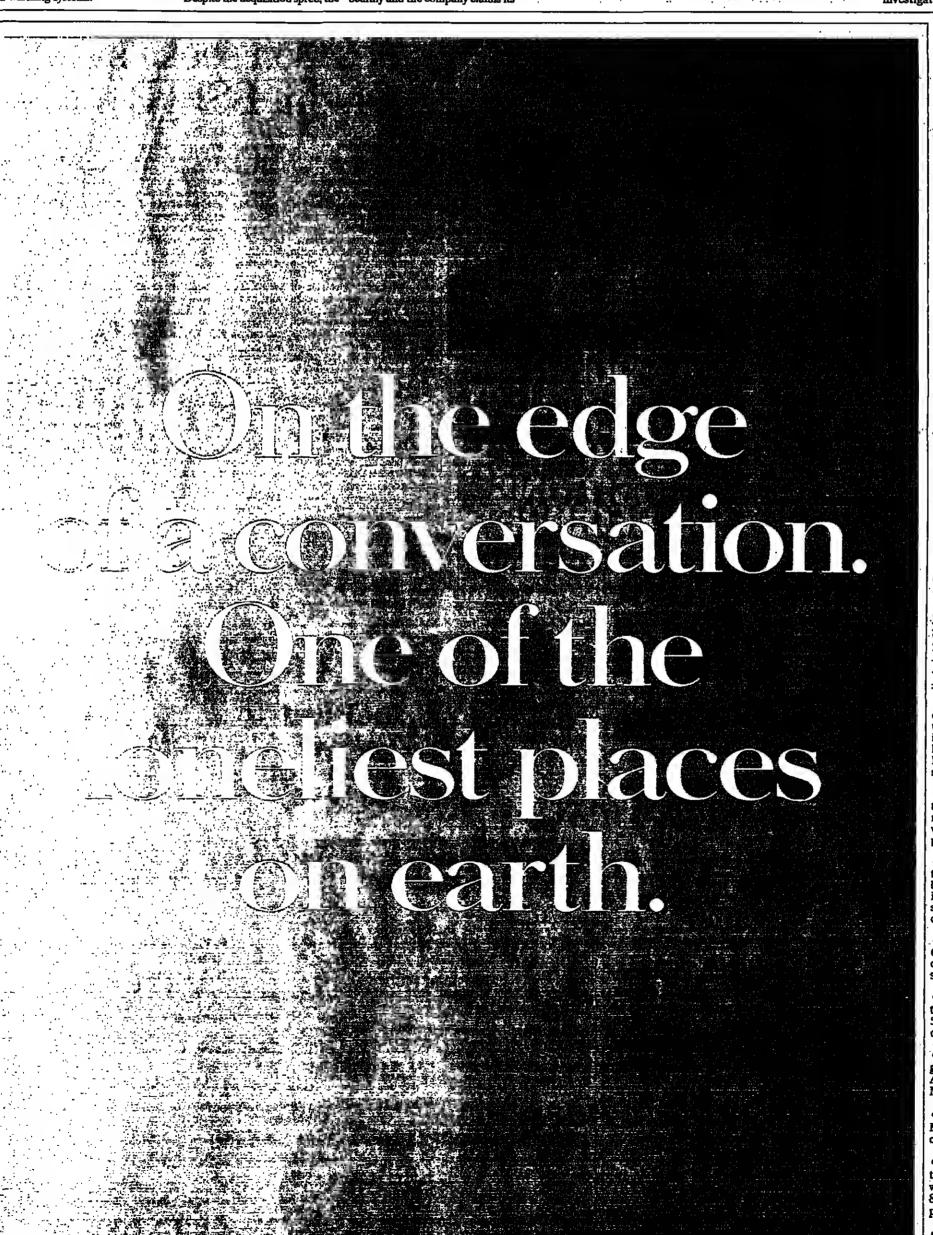
The accounting item in question believed to relate to the treatment

of whisky stocks handled by a consultant for the Chinese market - was responsible for an estimated £3m of the profits shortfall.

The City's reaction was swift with the shares marked down 7.5p to 74p. their lowest level since Burn Stewart joined the stock market at 140p five years ago. In that time sales have grown from £38m to £54m but profits have shrunk from a peak of over £10m in 1992 as the whisky price war took its toll. How directors can square this record with the "remarkable progress" they claim to

have made in recent years is not clear. The report and accounts may





Fresh doubts over alcopops effect on cider

Tom Stevenson City Editor

Fresh evidence has emerged to support the widely held view that the problems affecting cider maker Matthew Clark this sumto the dramatic rise in popularity of alcopops. Recently commissioned research suggests that, contrary to Clark's claims, the cider market is growing fast but lack of investment in brands has quickly eroded the company's share of the sector.

Its arch-rival HP Bulmer has just finished a round of presentations to industry analysis in which it has attempted to re-assure the City that Matthew Clark's problems are specific to running 30 per cent ahead of last the company and do not signal year while Diamond White has a bursting of the cider bubble rapidly in the 1990s.

Matthew Clark stunned inwhen it warned that the expo-nential growth of alcoholic "soft" drinks such as Bass's Hoopers Dogs had caused a sharp reduction in demand for its core cider brands, Diamond White and K, and for Babycham.

Shares in the company, which has expanded rapidly in recent years through the acquisitions of Gaymers and Taunton, slumped 239p to 431p on the day of its an-

mual meeting, when it issued the warning, and have since fallen further. Bulmer has been telling brokers that total cider con-sumption in the UK continued to increase this year. Adjusted for the exceptional hot weather last mer have been only partly due year that boosted demands, consumption is forecast to have increased from 110 million gallons in 1995 to 116 million this year. In 1990 the market was only 75

million gallons.
Within that overall marked however, the performances of he two major producers, who between them control about 90 per cent of the sector, have diverged dramatically. Through the supermarkets, an important outlet for cider, sales of Strongbow are declined by 24 per cent. Matthew Clark has blamed alcopops but analysts believe that does not tell the whole story. Alcopops vestors earlier in the summer are now thought to have taken share from across the spectrum of alcobolic drinks.

Almost a quarter of alcopop Hooch and Merrydown's Two drinkers have said that were the new drinks not available they would drink bottled lagers, and 19 per cent would turn to draught lager. By contrast, only 10 per cent said they were drinking alcopops instead of bottled cider, while the equivalent figure for dranght cider was 5 per cent.

 Pizza Express is buying up to 33 restaurants for £25m, funded by an issue of 5.7 million shares at 475p each in the US and the UK. The company said the acquisition was expected to be immediately earnings enhancing and the fund raising would allow the opening of 25 restaurants a year to be financed internally. Luke Johnson, chairman, said the acquisition created a "substantially more coherent group".

· Devro has made an £11.1m offer for the outstanding minority shareholding in Cutisin. a Czech manufacturer of edible and non-edible collagen casings. Devro holds 56.5 per cent of Cutisin which, Devro said, provided a low-cost manufacturing base to supply Eastern European and, increasingly. Western markets.

• Jurys Hotel has paid £1.75m for a one-acre freehold site at Pentonville Road, central London, with full planning permission to build a 168-bedroom Jurys Inn. "We envisage that it will cost £10m, including the site cost, to build, averaging £59,500 per room," a spokesman said, Jurys will also develop a 151-bedroom Inn for £7.5m on the banks of the River Shannon, Limerick, creating 80 jobs.

• Rank Organisation's recommended cash after for Imm Cobleigh is unconditional in all respects. Valid acceptances of the offer have been received in respect of 33.82 million Tom Cobleigh shares, representing 84.9 per cent of the company's equity.

Derwent Valley Holdings has exchanged contracts to purchase the freehold interests of Evelyn House and Dumbarton House, 54-68 Oxford Street and 51-57 Rathbone Place, in central London from London & Manchester Assurance for £20m,

 Daily Mail and General Trust has bought Radio Albury-Wodon-ga, which operates two regional radio stations in Australia, for A\$9m (£4.5m) cash. The acquisition is being made by Broadcast Media Group, in which DMGT has an 85 per cent stake.

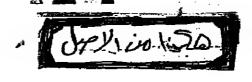
 Glemmorangie has appointed Iain Hamilton finance director. Mr Hamilton, currently UK finance director and European financial controller for SCI Europe, will join the company on 6 January.

 Blockleys, the building materials group, reduced half-year pre-tax losses from £211,000 to £54,000, but said the period was the worst ever recorded in the brick industry. Despatches of bricks were 8 per cent down, and almost 6 per cent lower than the industry's previous worst period in 1992. There is no interim dividend.

• Bridport-Gundry, maker of medical, aviation and defence, sports and industrial and marine products, bas conditionally agreed to make three acquisitions for a total of £11.95m. The acquisitions are Militair Aviation, Avery Flight International and Safetywear. Most of the funding for the deals will come from a 3-for-4 rights issue at 130p a share, raising £9.1m. Bridport also announced that pre-tax profits for the year ending 31 July had risen 9 per cent to £1.45m on humower of £30.3m, up from £28.4m.

• La Senza, the lingerie retailer, plans to open seven shops next month; including its first outlets in central London. A 15-year lease has been signed for a shop in the capital's Oxford Street.

Ashbourne has bought three nursing bomes for £5.9m cash. The homes are in Bolton, Cambridge and Upminster.



The Economist

16000

100

mr.

G.A

. .

...

FTSE 100 4024.4 -26.4

FTSE 250 4438.2 -10.7 FTSE 350 2002.0 -11.3 -

SEAQ VOLUME 684.8m shares, 39,855 bargains Gilts Index 94.29 -0.50



Banks, Retall

Allied prepares to walk out of the last chance saloon Allied Domecq and, yet again, Zeneca dominated a stock

market which at last appeared to be feeling the strain of its record-breaking exertions. Indications a large programme trade had left stock slushing around the system coupled with the Dow Jones

Average slipping below its just-achieved 6,000 points pulled prices lower, probably encouraging some investors to lock in a few profits. But such negative consider-ations were lost on the booze and drug combination of Allied and Zeneca. Indeed Allied enjoyed a strong ferment of

stories, pushing the shares 25.5p higher to 482.5p.
Bid action, preceded by a dawn raid today, was one. Seagram, the Canadian spirits group, was put in the frame.
There was also talk of men. There was also talk of management changes and the long suspected demerger, producing stand-alone retail and spirit

Companies, being announced. The deal with Bass over the Carisberg Tetley browing division was also an infinence, with talk Whitehall was about to clear the takeover.

Another suggestion was Allied's top brass had lunched in the City, leaving an impression the group was performing bet-ter than expected.

But such stories were wide of the mark. It would be construed as particularly indis-creet if Allied enjoyed the City's hospitality with its results due next month

There was, however, one possibly bullish development. Credit Lyonnais Laing, the securities house, was rumoured to have changed its stance on the shares - moving from hold to buy. It was said the house planned to issue a favourable

circular today.

Allied has had a difficult time and it has been described



MARKET REPORT

DEREK PAIN

such weak performers, coming down from more than 550p this year, that a supportive investment house could, just, be

But with the market convinced Allied is set for dramatic nges under new chairman Sir Christopher Hogg, there must be a temptation to make sure any party is not missed. Zeneca did not enjoy such range of rumours. Just one - the perennial takeover sto-ry - was enough to lift the shares to a new peak, up 32.5p to 1,687.5p. Glavo Wellcome is

re-emerging as the favourite to strike, although Roche, the

Swiss group, is never far from the speculation.

Tesco was another blue chip to buck the trend, although there was absolutely no suggestion of corporate activity. The shares rose 5p to 326.5p as Nat West Securities nudged its profit forecast a little high-er and said the shares had be-come a buy. Rivals Safeway, enjoying UBS support, gained 4p to 354p.

Pillington the glass group

Pilkington, the glass group, had a difficult session, falling 6.5p to 181p. The crack was prompted by worries about interim profits, due soon. The group has already warned that dull trading on the Continent was creating problems.

Tate & Lyle, the sugar group, turned sour, falling 13.50 to 4830. A US probe into alleged fixing of swectener prices and cautious comments from SBC Warburg did the

The FTSE 100 index slipped 26.4 points to 4,024.4 with the supporting Mid Cap index off 10.7 at 4,438.2.

Television shares, still anticipating a rush of takeover bids later this year, presented a bright picture with takeover favourites HTV and Yorkshire-Type Tees higher. But BSkyB fell victim to the general lethargy, off 12p to 664.5p.
DFS, the furniture chain,

lost 22p to 514p as it became apparent margins were under pressure and the Kirkham family intended to sell more shares, another 22 per cent of the capital.

Rameo, the oil group, gained 44p to 705p on its link with Total and Mobil over its

Azerbaijan development but the oil majors retreated again. Princedale, the manufacturing and marketing services group, rose 2p to 35p as Hills-

down Holdings' departure from the share register was duly confirmed. Part of Hillsdown's 12.3 per cent stake has gone to Bentley International, described as an investment company, and three directors including Sir Harry Solomon. Spring Ram, the bathroom group, responded to share

Regan, with a further 1.75p gain to 14.75p. VideoLogic added 3.5p to 57p as Merrill Lynch said buy and Micro Focus rose oft to 1,020p on US influences. Financial Publishing, em-

buying by its chairman, Roger

bracing stockbroker Durlacher, added 15p to 265p following a sharp profits advance. The shares, placed lass year at 38p, can claim to be the market is expecting this

Pex, the once ailing suck maker stepping out under the

guidance of Italian aristocrat, Andrea Cattaneo Della Volta, firmed 0.25p to 6.75p as stockbroker Teather & Greenwood forecast continming recovery.

After a long run of losses the company returned to the black in the first half of this year and Teather's Jon Levinson thinks the year's ontcome will be a £480,000

He looks for £650,000 next year and then £760,000.

Tele-Cine Cell, the film and video group, fell almost 18 per cent to 53.5p. The shares

were 125p in November. Profits have been under pressure and there are worries that the company will not be able to hit the £1.4m

et the two pard come up with e plan. little chance of nes are deterto take terretoring ars is name than

ENDENT

lopment will be than Lever 16 see how they n their stopping 108, We could be rec years why. Lake a grap and Albert Long of a real threat ticularly worned ing experts have desta their is print.

high items have most in the just devade en en Instinit and h test on ments. (San') tool at long or has men, than Stignanting and s year will be to that the pure has iculated the diven armee n perpaga parce d is true the quality neater Looker and has the most c. with the West I the South West Hy FeB-1 $f(Ln)m^{1/2}e_{i}m_{i}^{1/2}$

d Remarks to the second of the $p_{(a0)},\dots,p_{(b)},p_{(a)}$ Lange Here's IV nhetic. Lumbble

terrories and his inries bala colika In order to deliver to MERCHPHA HIPP

September 14 11 14 july 18 2 man in a language min in the language water and a language water

nilnis at antition of kinds

iall." rejoined l. Allied Log. irector "LAGA tow they are not aher uses. We'll a hotel, a righ ta and branded

senst Clinion en from Aspira er those whole a getein come

on the Kearli and House put Stone Castice

POSITIONS WE REQUIRE of talent COURT TO SELECT TO SELECT

Government Securities

Prices are in starting except where stated. The yield is last year a divident, grossed up by 20 per cent, as a percentage of the share price. The price termings (PE) rate is the share price divided by last year's earnings per chara, excluding exceptional device Other details in Exception 2 Ex all Lithisted Securities Marks a Suspended pp Parity Paid pm Nil Paid Shares, 2 ABA Shock.

Source FT information The Independent Index The india: allows you to access real-time share prices by phone from Seaq 5 (565) 123 335, belowed by the 4-digit code printed next to each share To access financial reports dial 6891 1233 followed by one of the two-sigit codes below FTBE 100 - Real-time 00 Sterling Report 04
LIK Stock Maries Report 07 Bullon Report 05
LIK Company News 02 Wall St Report 20
Foreign Eichenge 03 Lokyo Market 21 Anyone with a tone-dial telephone can use this service. For a detailed description of the hidependent India, including its portfolio faculty, phone (1891–123–333). For assistance, cell our halpfine (17) (173–4375 (930pm - 530pm). Calls cost 35p per minute (cheap rate), and 45p at all other times. Call ch Market leaders: Top 20 volumes 2/30000 Brigh Steel 17/0000 Feeto 85,0000 BTR 2/30000 Rote Rope 2/00000 Grobuny Schw 8/00000 Grow Melcome 7/0000 Plungton 4/00000 Rote Rope 9/0000 Glovo Welcome 7/00000 Volctome 4/00000 Volctom FTSE 100 Index hour by hour Open 40393 down 115 11.00 40383 down 12.5

PEOPLE & BUSINESS

Slowly but surely, the crisis in state pensions is coming

oe of the reasons politicians in the industrial countries are starting to sound very gung-ho about reducing government deficits is that the notion of a looming crisis in state pensions has finally filtered through to

It has taken several years of hammering away at the subject by international organisations such as the IMF, but at last, in countries such as Germany and Italy, even the most shorttermist of politicians knows that without changes in pension provision, politically thorny as that is, there could he a fiscal explosion before the end of their career.

The cause of the pension problem, approaching many governments with the slow inevitability of lava flow, is the combination of pay-as-yougo state pension schemes with demographic change. The number of pensioners in all developed countries is growing while in many, the working-age population paying the taxes to pay the peosions is shrinking.

The penny has dropped that pay-as-you-go schemes are unsustainable. The British government was one of the first to take action by eocouraging people to opt out of a state scheme, which was made much less generous by being linked to prices rather than earnings, and set up a pri-

vate pensioo. If other countries follow the same route, and allow their unfunded state pension schemes to wither, there will be some hig macroecoomic implications. One of the most important, and one which has been tackled by economists, is what will happeo to national saving rates as a result of ageing populations and changes to pensioo systems. The other, so far uoder-researched, is what the implica-

tions for inequality will be. economics is that for every secood law is that they are both wrong). So it is not too surprising to find that there is 00 definitive answer to the question of savings. To be fair, this is because it is an empirical question. There will be two opposing forces acting on national savings during the next few decades.

The first is the demographic impact. The standard theory about how people choose between spending and saving is the "life cycle hypothesis". which argues that early in their working life people bor-row, in their prime years they save, and in retirement they run down their savings.

Aggregate this across a nation, and the theory predicts that saving will rise in countries with a growing working pop-ulation and fall where there is a growing number of the nonworking elderly. There is some evidence of a negative relationship between savings and the proportion of the old in the population for a cross-section of countries.

However, the demographics are a bit more complex. For the next 20 years or so, most industrial countries will see more saving by the working population, for the baby boom is still in its prime years. After that, national savings rates are likely to decline. But the outlook varies widely between countries and the amount of extra saving in the meantime could be huge.

A recent paper by David Miles, a professor at Imperial College, for the City invest-ment bank Merrill Lynch, calculates that for the big four European economies savings rates will peak between 2010 and 2020 at rates 2-3 percentage points higher than their current levels. For the UK the peak comes

at 2.3 per cent above the 1995 rate of 20 per cent in 2010. But savings will not drop below the Of course, the first law of 1995 level until 2035, he



DianeCoyle

The number of pensioners in all developed

countries is growing while in many the population paying taxes to provide the

pensions is

shrinking

account of whether the simultaneous changes to state pension systems change patterns of saving. This question is addressed in a new book by Professor Richard Disney of Queeo Mary College*.
Prof Disney argues that the

key feature of the change in pension systems is not the trend from state to private pensions, but the trend from de-

om CSA1 1F9 965 290380 665.9 097 7064 027 625.3 020 721.3 026 1918

Most private sector pensions were, until recently at least, defined benefit plans provided by companies. The economic purpose of a pension that guaranteed workers a given fraction of their final salary was to hind them to the company over a working

Of course, this has become more expensive as company workforces age. It does not suit younger workers either.

Private pensions are in-creasingly of the defined contribution type – essentially a personal savings plan with pensions determined by the return on the accumulated sav-

ings.
According to the book, the coverage of defined contrihution schemes has almost

doubled from 8 per cent of pension plans in 1987.

Prof Disney writes: "Where there is an insurance motive for pension provision the switch from a publicly or privately funded defined benefit plan to a group or individual deficed contribution place seems to involve the participant in much greater risks." The risk of providing for re-

tirement is switching not simply from the government to the private sector but from companies to individuals as The transitioo from pay-as-

you-go state pensions to pri-vate pensions might reduce the national savings rate if it involves the government or private sector in saving less or borrowing more to meet the In addition, if people have a choice, they might well opt

to pay less into their pensions. However, if the system to which industrial countries are switching places more risk oo individuals, savings could increase. Anecdotally, it is clear that

many people in Britain have already added provision for their old age as an extra hur-

privatised its pensions in 1981 by introducing individual retirement savings plans, private sector saving soared from 0.2 per cent in 1981 to 12.7 per cent in 1989, more than offsetting a drop in public sector saving as the government stepped io to finance the unfunded pension obligations

of the previous state scheme. The real catch in the privatisation of pensions is dis-tributional. If this issue is not addressed explicitly - and it is not - the costs of pension reform fall on the most vulnerable people.

In the UK there is a growing class of poor pensioners, with no private cover and a state pension which leaves them further and further hehind the rest of the

population.
With the honourable exception of the Labour MP Frank Field, whose new book on the subject of how to provide universal pension cover in a modern economy was published earlier this week, few politicians have addressed the distributional question.

Mr Field proposes compul-sory individual saving for retirement and unemployment, restoring the insurance aspect of welfare, but has costed state provision of the means to save for people with incomes of less than £100 a week.

This proposal does involve extra taxes, however, even though some of the money needed would come from winding down the State Earnings Related Pension Scheme completely. For couotries which have

traditiooally used the tax and benefits system to redistribute income, the switch from un-British Leyland and Rover. Keith Butler-Wheelhouse fuoded to insurance-based pensions - or health-care or joined Smiths Industries as a director in August, and will unemployment cover, for that matter - raises issues as take over from Sir Roger thorny as the ooes heing left Hurn as chief executive from 19 November. Sir Roger will remain as chairman of the

* "Can We Afford To Grow

The Lyceum is saved... for rock musical fans

was "coming into a business which doesn't need much

doing to it".

What that says about the

where he was chief operating

tanned native of the West Midlands emigrated to South

There's just one fly in the

ointmeot at Smiths, he says:

"I'm still trying to come to grips with these aerospace

acronyms. I still find this al-

Smiths's results presentation

yesterday, simplified for the

consumption of journalists,

the company mentioned

you ask, I haven't a clue.

JPATS, F/A-18C/Ds, Sims

Level 1 and HMOs. Before

phabet soup confusing."
I see what he means. In

automotive side of Saab,

officer, I've no idea. The

The magnificent Lyceum Theatre near Covent Garden in London is about to reopen on 19 November after being rebuilt by Apollo Leisure at a

cost of £14.5m. Two years ago Paul Gregg, chairman of Apollo and 80 per cent shareholder, bought the leasehold of the thenderelict theatre from the Theatres Trust. George Walker's Brent Walker had wanted to change the use of the theatre in the 1980s but oever got permission from the Trust, and now the former stomping ground of such great Shake-spearean thespians as Henry Irving and Helen Terry is saved for the theatre. Well, up to a point. The

first production will be Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice's Jesus Christ Superstar. Shakespeare it ain't.

George Simpson, managing director of GEC, obviously likes having familiar faces around him. Yesterday GEC appointed two of his former colleagues to senior posts.

Jack Fryer, who has been brought in as GEC's strategic planning director, worked with Mr Simpson at Lucas, Mr Simpson's last job. Rob Meakin, who becomes personnel director, comes from British Aerospace, where Mr

Simpson was before Lucas. Mr Fryer should be oo top of the figures side of strategic planning - he began his ca-reer as a nuclear physicist with Rolls-Royce.

Mr Meakin certainly has a CV which would make any personnel manager quake; he worked with Ford Motor Company in the strikeplagued 1970s, theo with

> Don't worry, Mr Butler-Wheelhouse. Aerospace has nothing on accountancy when it comes to acronyms. ICAEW, APB, FRC and Cima were all bandied about yesterday as Chris Swinson, a

From Shakespeare to Lloyd Webber: The restored Lyceum addressed journalists on the Wheelhouse said how nice it

joys of self regulation. The profession which audits our companies still insists that it can sort out its own wrongdoers in house, without pesky intervention from the DTI and the like.

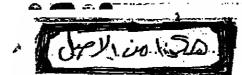
Mr Swinson was proposing a new independent body which Africa at the age of 15, and now aged 50 has the accept to would regulate the regulators. On the same panel was Norman Lyle, senior vice president of Cima, which represents

management accountants. Cima recently broke off merger talks with the chartered accountant's body, and evidently still harbours burt pride at what it sees as snobbery amongst the chartered brethren.

Every time Mr Swinson made a point, Mr Lyle broke in with a contradiction or a question. Things got so heated that there was audible relief when the presentation ended.

Everyone trooped into another room for lunchtime drinks, at which point Mr Swinson announced that no alcohol would be served. Just as well, opined the reporters, otherwise a fracas of some sort could well have ensued.

economics is that for every predicts. ecooomist there is an equal and opposite economist (the plicated when you try to take	sions, but the trend from de- fined beoefit schemes to deo to be saved for. defined contributions schemes. Certainly in Chile, which	Older?" Richard Disney. MIT Stepping into the Smiths	partner in BDO Stoy Hay- ward and the Orsoo Welles of the accountancy world, Sort could well have ensued. John Willowk
Sterling	US	Contract Settlement High/Low EntConfs. Open price for day Practed Interest Intere	Shame Cash 3 mins Volume LME Stocks chg
Other Spot Rates Country Sterling Dollar Argentina Sterling Dollar Argentina Country Sterling Dollar Argentina Country Sterling Dollar Argentina Country Sterling Country Sterling	Storing CDa	Energy Brent Crude (5/berrel) Gas off (3/tonne) WTI Products † (3/tonne) PE 630pm voing 'triggo PE dose 'voing Gpm Spd CF NW Europe Nov 2452 4-20 928 Oct 22/50 -8.00 Nov 24.55 Unleaded Gasoline 238/240 Dec 22/80 -928 16.55 Nov 22250 -225 Dac 24.55 Heavy Fuel (3 25/127 Jan 23.22 -434 18.53 Dac 24000 -275 Jan 2400 Napriths 232/235 Vol 31,350 Indiaz 24.00 Voit 18,735 Feb 23.00 EC Gasol 233/234 "hiter Libina previous day 'the rapp priore seeingle for well." Sentex 1084-crater (3/thought 12/12/235 The Libina previous day 'the rapp priore seeingle for well. Sentex 1084-crater (3/thought 12/12/235 Commodity Indices Gost Indices Gost Indices Gost Indices Gost Indices Gost Indices Indic	Mar 1000 Mar 1434 Mar 98.75 Mar 70.90 Fob 23
Stock Sell Buy Vid	Stock Self Day Yld	Stock	Standard



5577 978 524 5527 5731 1256 2253 1425 152.46 2271 152.46 2271 152.46 152

Goldman Sachs creates new posts for partners to be

Banking Correspondent

Goldman Sachs, the secretive US investment bank, yesterday elevated 38 of its top executives to the hotly contested position of partner, which virtually guarantees millionaire status.

The new partners, who are locked into the riches of the multi-million pound investment bank with an equity stake, were joined for the first time by 87 managing directors who are being groomed as future partners.

These new, non-partnership positions. called "extended managing directors", were created by the bank to deter high-flyers below partnership status from quitting for rival firms. The bank, owned by 170 or

so partners who are named every two years, is 127 years old and has a reputation as a hardhitting, gruelling place to work, where the rewards are generous.

The partners are paid a hefty basic salary but forego the bonuses of their lower-ranking colleagues, which can top £1m, in return for a profitable stake

Partners share in the profits of the bank, which in the first

(£1.2bn), setting Goldman on course to beat 1993 when it created a host of millionaires with its bonus payouts. But much of their profit remains in the bank as risk capital until they retire.

In a year which is already promising to reward the City's top dealers, traders and corporate financiers with record bonuses, the Goldman partners and managing directors can be certain of astronomical rewards.

Some of the managing directors named yesterday will al-ready be receiving basic salaries of £1m, even before bonuses are calculated next month.

Of the 38 new partners, eight are based in the bank's London office in Fleet Street and two are Britons - Glenn Earle, an investment hanker based in Frankfurt and London-based Paul Deighton.

The other seven new partners based in London were named as Erland Karlsson and Girish Reddy, both in the bank's equities division, Ronald Marks from fixed income, investment bankers Timothy Plaut, Muneer Satter and Howard Schiller, and Geoffrey Grant from J Aron, the bank's commodity unit.

Nine Britons rank among nine months of this year pro-duced taxable earnings of \$1.9bn directors, who will be receiving

basic salaries ranging from £200,000 to £1m, with the lower salaries typically paid to researchers rather than proprietary traders - usually the highest-paid group in an investment bank.

Andrew Devenport, based in Tokyo in the bank's fixed income department, is one of the Britons becoming a non-partner managing director. He is joined by New York-based Briton Peter Niculescu who is also a fixed income specialists.

The other Britons are based Charles Eve and Louis Greig, who are both in the equities di vision, Sion Kearsey, a fixed income specialist, corporate financiers Christopher French and Charles Brown, Christian Siva-Jothy from J Aron and Roderick Jack from Goldman Sachs Asset Management.

Other London-based executives were granted non-partner managing director roles. They are Thomas Brasco, David Kaplan, Emmanuel Roman, Danie Roscini, Antonie Schwartz, Noreen Harrington, Jean-Luc Blamonti, Andrew Chisholm. Claudio Coslamagna. Pieter Maarten Feenstra, Richard Gnodde, Susan Leadem and Theodore Sotir.



Warning: Sir Michael Heron says that for every 1 per cent of business the Royal Mail loses in the suspension of its monopoly 1,500 Jobs will be threatened

Royal Mail jobs 'under threat'

Michael Harrison

The Royal Mail could lose 20. per cent of its business in the long term if its letter monopoly is suspended again later this month, threatening jobs and profits and forcing up postal prices, MPs are to be warned by Post Office chiefs.

Sir Michael Heron, the Post Office chairman, is to supply the Commons Trade and Industry Select Committee with a confidential financial model it has drawn up showing the potential impact if the Government suspends the monopoly for an extended period.

For every 1 per cent of business the Royal Mail loses, 1,500 jobs will be threatened, Sir Michael told MPs on the committee yesterday, adding that it "would not take a lot" for rival operators to snatch 3 per cent of deliveries if the market was

opened up.
Ministers will suspend the monopoly for a period of three months if members of the Communication Workers Union vote for further industrial action in a ballot later this month. The result of the ballot will be known on 29 October.

The series of strikes this autumn by the CWU has so far cost the Post Office £40m in lost business and resulted in its monopoly being suspended for short periods.

nopoly is suspended for three year to £317m in 1997-98.

months then it will open the floodgates as the Government will find it impossible to re-impose the monopoly once private operators are offering rival

Local courier firms could enter the market immediately. offering to deliver Christmas post in selected areas, while higger operators such as TNT would target lucrative cuslomers such as banks, building societies and mail order firms by offering a national service.

In written evidence to the committee, the Post Office says that a three-month suspension would not in itself be "immediately threatening". But it adds that an indefinite suspension resulting in a free-for-all would be "raise the question of how a universal service at a uniform tariff could be funded. Were there to be a long term suspension of the monopoly then the Post Office would have to price competitively and this would benefit some customers at the expense of others."

Sir Michael also repeated his call for greater commercial freedom, saying it would be a "tremendous step forward" if the Government gave the Post. Office the status of a public limited company and freed it from the PSBR so that its external fimancing limit - its contribution to the Exchequer - instead became a dividend payment set at 40-50 per cent of post-tax profits.

However, Post Office execu-tives believe that if the mo-is due to rise from £298m this

Brewers rally against property depreciation plan

Roger Trapp

Brewers and hotel chains are expected to lobby against proposals from the Accounting Standards Board for tightening up on the valuation of tangible fixed assets.

The discussion paper issued the board today takes the view that, since it is normally uneconomic to provide a limitless

extension to the life of a prop- large amounts each year on erty, such as a hotel or public house, through maintenance and refurbishment, there should be "a general requirement for depreciation of properties".

However, brewers are prominent among the approximately 18 per cent of companies that are said to not depreciate their

maintaining properties in good condition, having to depreciate them as well would amount to "a double hit". They also claim that certain properties, such as well-known hotels and pubs, are of historic value and should not

be depreciated. The ASB also believes that properties. They argue that, because they traditionally spend three categories for depreciaassets should be separated into

tion purposes; land would not its recoverable amount. It arhe subject to depreciation, buildings would have a long life, and general fittings would have

a much shorter life, In its consideration of the "initial measurement" of assets, the document envisages a continuation of the practice of measuring a tangible fixed asset initially at its cost and writing it down where necessary to

TON-ON-THERET 01283 539752

PENTEY 01203 220056 PENTEY (NELL SQUAYE) 01203 614 BY 01337 835286

8Y 01327 875285
2LT 01384 76175
2LT 01384 76175
EFFORD 01482 279795
EFFORD 01482 279795
EFFORD 01482 875747
ARMINISTRE 876 01476 435218
EFFORD 0154 755 8618
AFFORD 01524 477200 [1889
AFFORD 01524 47720 [1889
AFFORD 015

MORAT 01864 481830 N ICTHES 01909 231894 MARPEN 01604 38764 NCHAN 6115 989 1386 (MW) NCHAN 6115 989 1386 (MW)

CALL FOR SHOWBOOMS IN THE NORTH

SHOWROOMS OFFEN 7 DAYS A WIELE

gues that the unclear position on the capitalisation of interest should be resolved and that capitalisation either be mandalory or prohibited. The ASB invites comments on which approach should be adopted by the close of the consultation period on 17

January 1997. On valuation, the ASB proposes that companies that reval-

ue properties should have to undergo a full external valuation at least every five years, with interim valuations, involving less work, in the intervening years. The fourth area covered by

the document is investment properties. These are exempt from depreciation, and the ASB accepts that as they play a fun-damentally different role they should continue to be exempt. (F) - Final (I) - Interim

	COMPA	NY RESULT	s	
	Tatmover £	Pre-tax £	EP\$	Dividend
Alexandra Workswar (I)	35.4m (35.7m)	-0.73m (2.74m)	-1,4p (5.3p)	2.5p (2.5p)
Blockbys (I)	4 43m (5.28m)	-0.05m (-0.21m)	-0.16p (-0.58p)	ug (ug)
DES Familiary (F)	185m (1 <i>4</i> 5m)	31.1m (25.2m)	19.66p (16.57p)	10p (8,3p)
Bridgert-Oundry (F)	28,401 (29,7m)	1 33m (1.45m)	8,64p (9.1p)	4.04p (3 Gpt
Barn Stewart Mistiflers (F)	54.4ch (50.4m)	1,01m (3.95m)	0.94р (4.65р)	3.4p (5p)
lunneative Technologies (I)	0.72m (0.04m)	-1.68m (-1.23m)	-5.7p (-5.07p)	- <u>!</u> -]
Suities ledestries (F)	1.01bn (899m)	170m (138m)	36.6p (30.7p)	16.2p (-)
Town Contre Socurities (F)	- (-)	9.87m (9.35m)	5.92p (6.38p)	2.45p (2.25p)
Mollingian Gedoruniting (C)	- (-)	0.47m (-)	0.8p (-)	rd (-)
Wisseld Group (F)	28.7m (24.3m)	1.20m (0.79m)	2.6p (2p)	1p (0.75p)

Accountants' plans for new regulatory board under attack

Plans by leading accountancy bodies to set up an independent review board tu supervise their regulatory activities were last night attacked as a holding tactic that "will not satisfy any-

Prem Sikka. accountancy professor at Essex University and a fervent critic of the accountancy profession, said the proposals published yesterday did not amount to independent regulation. The planned review board was "just an umbrella body" and the regulatory powers of such organisations as the Institute of Chartered Accountants would remain with them, he said, suggesting the move was an attempt to "ap-

pease" an incoming govern- that sets standards for auditors,

Yesterday's detailed proposals by a working party chaired by Chris Swinson, of accountants BDO Stoy Hayward, followed the announcement in April of the intention to establish an organisation that would be independent of the accountancy profession.

The working party was drawn from all six bodies that form the Consultative Committee of Accountancy Bodies. But the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, which last year was in merger talks with the Institute of Chartered Accountants, made clear it had reservations about the plans. It particularly wants the Au-

to be given greater independence by being placed alongside the Accounting Standards Board under the Financial Re-porting Council rather than within the amhit of the new review board. But it also shares some reservations expressed by senior members of the profession about the extent to which the plans would amount

to clear independent regulation. The review board's objectives would be to ensure that the systems of regulation and discipline within the profession serve the public interest by maintaining the standards of work by professional accountants and to criticise what has been done and make recommendations for imditing Practices Board, the body provement where necessary.

This advertisement is issued in compliance with the requirements of the London Stock Exchange Limited i London Stock Exchange t Application has been made to the London Stock Exchange for the whole of the ordinary share capital of Healthcare Reform Investment Trust PLC ("the Company") in itsue immediately following the Placing to be admitted to the Official List. It is emphasised that this advertisement does not constitute an offer or invitation to any person to subscribe for or ro purchase securities. It is expected that dealings in the ordinary shares of 25p each in the Company 1 Ordinary Shares 1 will commence on 22 October 1996

HEALTHCARE REFORM INVESTMENT TRUST PLC

(Incorporated in England and Wales with transfered no. 3259557)

Placing

of up to 25 million ordinary shares at 100p per Share

Sponsored by **HSBC** James Capel

Rauscher Pierce & Clark Limited

Share Capital immediately following the Piacing

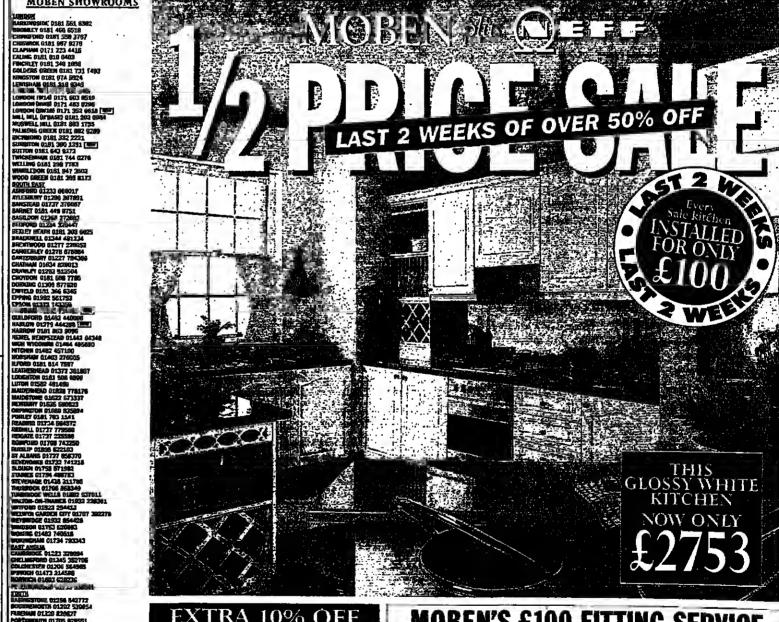
ordinary shares of 25p each £6 250 000 25,000 000 £7,500,000 30,000,000 (1) Assuming the issue of 25 million critinary shares under the Placing

Copies of the listing particulars relating to the Company have been published and may be obtained during normal business hours on any weekday (Saturday and public holidays excepted) from the Company Announcements Office of the London Stock Exchange, Capel Court entrance, off Bartholomew Lane, London EC2 (for collection only) from the date of this notice up to and including 15 October 1996 and from the date of this notice up to and including 22 October 1996, from

> HSBC lames Capel Thames Exchange til Oneen Street Place London EC4R 1BL

Ranscher Pierce & Clark Limited 56 Green Street London Uty 3RH

17 Cember 1996



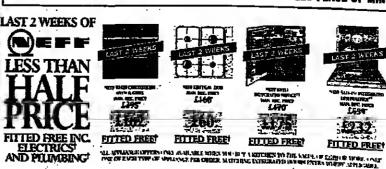


MOBEN'S £100 FITTING SERVICE ALL JOINERY - ALL ELECTRICS' - ALL PLUMBING'

Noben remove and dispose of your old hitchen All workles joints are mitred on site

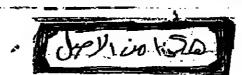
All advertised appliances installed free tur craftsman fitters install all base and wall cabinets 🗸 All planning work included to suitable supply V All gas plumbing by CORES registered plumbers V

Cornices, pelmets, gable ents and plintles fitted and fixed V Fall after sales service for complete confidence V All electrical work carried out to suitable supply as site V MOBEN GUARANTEES PEACE OF MINO



CALL THE MOBEN SALE HOTLINE





sport



Damon Hill poses at Marble Arch, central London, yesterday to enjoy the attention brought by his world championship success

Hill wallows in public recognition

The last lap was the best of all, bringing him back home to the dred folk otherwise going about embrace of his family and many of the fans who jumped on board somewhere along the way. Damoo Hill was in London

again, loving every minute of it. the wider impact of his world ehampionship triumph beginning to seep through the euoria that had accompanied him from Japan.

This was essentially pay-back time to the sponsors, another barrage of questions, no doubt the same questions that had beateo his eardrums and rattled his brain cells ever since Sunday's victory at Suzuka. And yet it was probably all the sweeter for an element of surprise, an unlikely eccounter with the ti-

tle-winner for a couple of huntheir day; a mother and daughter down from Scotland, jumpsaw his car, yes, the Williams-Renault, parked at Marble Arch: the German who made it known be was a Miehael Schu-

Here was the final vindication, the public acclaim and recognitioo. The young man who bad fizzed around the streets of the capital as a despatch rider, funding his racing ambitioo and seeking new sponsors, was now the 36-yearold world champion, perched at the neak of his career.

ing off their hus because they

macher supporter but seemed coolen to be there anyway.

Relief was evident in every

A champion finally has the chance to revel in his success. Derick Allsop reports

smile, every joke, every re-sponse. There was just a hint of a side swipe at Williams, for having discarded him as he stood at the threshold of title success, But there was also due acknowledgment of the expertise and eveo-handedness of Formula One's premier learn. And there was a balanced, realistic consideration of his possibilities oext season, as No 1 driver for the TWR Arrows leam.

"I'm still flying. I haven't come down yet. I'm coming down in layers, day by day. Somebody showed me a copy of this week's Autosport. I've been reading it all

reer. Now it says I'm champioo on the front, and it's fantastic. I think I'll get this copy framed." That is what it means, He was reminded of his days as a despatch rider. "I always had the intention of getting off bikes, even though I loved it. It was always part of my plan to

my life and I've been creeping

through the pages during my ca-

go racing. The realisation that the championship might beckon came to him when he was promoted from test driver by Williams, four years ago. "The moment Nigel Mansell left I was

pushing like mad. I thought: Tm on my way here."

Williams discarding him for

1997 "wasn't quite the pat oo the back I'd been expecting. But I re-ally had the rug pulled from under me, but the only thing that concerned me this year was the championship and I decided I'd rather go away with something."

That resolve armed him against those who questioned his ability. He said: "It's part of the business, being sniped at. But all the reports have been jolly nice since Sunday. It's in the record books, it's there for ever."

He had done, he felt, as much as he could, even io the best car, winning balf the races. The only way to top this was to

go one better, but no, be was not

in competition with his late father, Graham, who won the championship in 1962 and 1968. "He died 21 years ago and I long since handled that emotion."

A second championship has to be a long-term project, anyway. If he helps make Arrows a competitive team next season, he will have achieved perhaps as much as he has this year, "I take the challenge next year that is defined by whatever the re-

ality is," he said. And now be really was finished. He was off for a break, away from the cockpit, to relive the season, to see a tape of that Japanese Grand Prix, and simply wallow in motor racing's ul-timate glory. And no, that can oever be taken away.

Elder Iro fires Kiwis' heart

Rugby League DAVE HADFIELD reports from Auckland

You could have got handsome odds a couple of years ago on Tony Iro's Test career carrying on longer than that of his infimitely more glamorous younger brother. But while Leeds' enigmatic Kevin Iro drifts around beyond the fringes of the New Zealand squad, Tony will tomorrow night be part of a back row that threatens all manner of problems for Great Britain in the first Test at Ericsson Stadium.

The elder fro typifies the knack that the Kiwi coach. Frank Endacott, seems to be developing for extracting valuable contributions from some unlikely sources. Tooy certainly falls into that unlikely category. He only decided to dabble in rugby league because he had travelled to England as company for Kevin when he took up a Wigan contract in 1987 that made him the best-paid young player in the game.

In his own quiet way, Tony es-tablished himself at Wigan as a winger, before going to Australia and transforming into a second-row forward. It is in the past two seasons, under Phil Gould's coaching at Sydney City, that the change into a skilful ball handler has become complete.

"We've had a good side there which has helped me to develop that part of my game," Iro says. I got forced into the role in England during the World Cup last year when there were not many other options. I'm still learning what Frank wants from me."

Iro is already producing some of the best rugby of his career at the age of 29 and forms a potentially destructive back three with Steve Kearney and Tyran Smith, a rangy, dreadlocked runner who starts a Test for the first time tomorrow.

Iro, however, knows enough about the English scene to be wary of predictions that New Zealand, following their impressive victories over Papua New Guinea, are going to be far loo strong for the Lions,
"There are a lot of blokes

who we didn't expect to see over here," he admits wheo he scans the names in a withdrawal-hit

British party. "But they are a young team who will be pretty keen. It's going to be a lot close er than the papers here think. Great Britain will not mind

their hosts starting the series as favourites. When the Kiwis clicked in the second half of their World Cup semi-fical against Australia in October they showed their rich potential and bave built (Arthat promise.

They have particular strengths at full-back, through their captain, Matthew Ridge, and in their two wingers, Sean Hoppe and Richard Barnett, while Grant Young and the substitute, Joe Vagana, are front rowers of power and vigour.

The other reason for the Kiwis to be regarded bere as a sure thing is that the New Zealand public have seen nothing from the tourists yet to impress them. The British first-choice's failure to fire in their opening game in Auckland is far more significant than the second string's defeat in Wellington on Tuesday.

But midweek games in News Zealand are a notoriously bad guide to Test form. "The result in Wellington doesn't worry us at all," the Great Britain coach. Phil Larder, said, "It's like being in a major final and your reserve team losing the previous week. That's how relevant it is."

As he tries to prove that contention, however, Larder does promote one player from that beaten side, the Wigan prop, Terry O'Connor, who gets his second chance at Test level.

Terry came away as a firstchoice prop and played in the Test in PNG, but he had a very poor game when he was particularly badly affected by the heat aod humidity," said Larder. "He has played very well in the midweek side since theo and I had virtually made up my mind before the Wellingtoo match to bring him in. His work in attack and defence in that game just confirmed it for me.'

NEW ZEALAND (v Groat Britain, first Test, / land, temerowit Ridge (Marty); Hoppe (Cart

FORMULA 1 DREAM TEAM

The final scores and results

A K Racing Team A

Drive Blind

Crisp One

Equinox

Farrahs

Harvey

God's Son

Players One

Used Rubber

Herb's Flyers

Petrol Heads

Bilbie Racing

Red Rose Racino

I'm Airight Jacques

They Who Dare

Sinckley Formula

Bisland's Bangers

Ward's Wonders

Speed Buggy

Jumpin' Jacks

Gordy's GTs

Bourbon

Bino One

Maddisons

The Dare Devils

Dream Machines

Charlie's Choice

Sherbie's Stars

Catch Me One

French Flyers

Tamar Racing

GRI

Reliant

The Pits

Tony's Omega One

Southern Sharks 3

Pippa's Pole Posit

Nice One Tyrrell

Kwest international

Murraylield Machines

Johnny Five's Super Team 649

The Forty One'ers

Mr Michael Roe DSC Mr Brian Howorth Mr Daniel Grenham

Mr lames Liddlard Mr Adrian Kennedy Mr D Donaghy Mr Michael Crisp

Mr David Rickard Mr R Britten Mr Glen Richardson Mr Ivan Bilbie 12 Mr Preston Allen

13 Ms S Crotman 15 Mr Kaz Yokova Mr Tony Spratt Mr N Yousus

18 Mr Julian Harves Mr R Pheasey Mr Stephen Ken 211 Mr Chris Lewis 21 Mr Jim Bisland

23 Mr Simon Ward 24 Mr James Everett 25 Mr Chuck Warford 26 Mr Paul Beckett 27 Mr Jeremy Lloyd Mr Michael Ohajuru 28 29 Mr Gordon Thornton Mr | Barnsley

30 31 Mr Dhaliddou Mrs C Powell 32 Mr Mike Wells 33 Mr Charles Rowe 34 35 Mr E Morgan 36 Mr John Gallagher Mr C Carvill 39 Mr M Doonan **Mr Antony Panacides**

Mr Paul Gold 41 Mr Michael Armou 42 Mr Chrysosbalis 43 Mr John Parker 45 Mr Tim Howel Mr A Hardy 47 Ms Nicola Roger: Mr K West 48 Mr Peter Greening

Mr Scott Tankard

oday we publish the final scores and results in The In-Top 50 Teams: final positions dependent and F1 Racing Formula t Dream Team game. We are also announcing the winner of our Japanese Grand Prix prize and Mino's Marauders our 1996 grand prix champion Dream Team manager. Listed on the right you will find Dan's Reckless Racers Formula Fantastic

65 t

6S I

65 I

65 I

65 I

651

651

649

649

649

649

649

the points scored for the Japanese Grand Prix, plus the overall points for the 1996 grand prix season. List-ed on the left are the final Top 50 Dream Teams after the 1996 grand prix ehampionship season. Final Dream Team positions

have been allocated according to the Rules and details on how to enter. Therefore the winner is the entrant who has the highest number of points at the end of the grand prix season. In the event of a tie, the tie-breaker is taken into account. When registering your Dream Team at the beginning of the season, you were asked to predict the number of points that this year's champion would noich up over the year. The nearest figure to the champion's points wins. In the event of a further tie, the entrant that registered first wins.

Season Summary Among all the hoopla surrounding Damon Hill's victory at Suzuka, spare a thought for Mika Hakkinen. Almost exactly a year ago he lay in a coma in an Australian hospital. Now he was back to his boy-racer best, slugging it out with the world champion and the world-champion-elect, and sharing the podium with them both. Driver of the Day, and as brave as ever. But by every measure, the Driver of the Season is also the world champion. Damon Hill. Naturally, in Dream Team terms, he was also top dog, with a mag-nificent total of 352 points. Managers who snapped him

ing his Benetton at the first corner in Suzuka. 0891 891 806 0891 891 807

up for £23 million at the start of

the season will consider it money

well spent: by way of comparison,

the other £23m-rated driver, Jean

Alesi, scored 140 Dream Team

points fewer than Hill, and capped

his miserable season by destroy-



Damon Hill celebrates his victory at the Japanese Grand Prix

of Pedro Diniz and Olivier Panis

both available at £4m and

contributing 61 and 103 points

respectively. Crummy value at

the same price - and Hill fans take

note - was the leading driver of

Jacques Villeneuve, whose hopes of a debut title disappeared along with his right rear wheel on Sunday, was outstanding value for £18m - he will not be so cheap next year, when he is sure to start favourite for the title.

the Arrows team, Jos Verstappen, Best value among the minwho amassed a feeble 10 points nows were surely the Ligier pair all season.

1996 Grand Prix Champion Dream Team Managhr Congratulations to our winner Michael Roe from Slough, Berkshire and his team DSC. Michael was one of 35 people in joint 1st place, but he clinched our top prize by being the only first placed entrant who correctly predicted the number of points that this year's champion would notch up over the year. The champion is of course Damon Hill who scored 97 points.

Michael's prize is a drive in a 650bhp Formula 1 car. He will be flown to the AGS team's training school in the south of France which specialises in Formula One courses, and will be provided with all the racewear and instruction necessary for a day out driving Formula One and other single scal cars.

IAPANESE GRAND PRIX PRIZE WINNER

Congratulations to Ashley Kendall from King's Lynn, Norfolk and his team Ronnie's Beard. He and a friend have won a day out testing with the Tyrrell Formula One team at Silverstone.

Grand Prix Shopping List

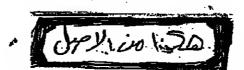
8.8

		Q 12	
DRIVERS		VERALL OINTS	CHASSIS
£25m			£20m
I M Schumecher			40 Benetit
E23m	The state of the s		41 William
2 J-Alest		200	E18to
3 D HIII	24	352	42 Ferrari
20m		alexand.	2250
4 G Berger	18	142	43 McLare
E.18m		-	£14m
5 D Coulthard	0 .	1.16	44 Sauber
6 E Irvine	0	2	45 Jordan
7 J Villeneuve	14	324	£10m
E1Sm		7.E.E	40 100
8 M Hakkinen	21	208	£6m
H H Frentzen			47 Jyrek
E10m	Ant The Control of th		£5m
10 M Brundle			48 Appears
11 R Barrichello	7	119	£3m
12 Herbert		4.4	49 Minari
£6m	Alexander in the second		£1m
13 M Salo		-	80 Fait
14 P Lamy	6	54	A
40			
15 P Diniz	4	61	-
16 II Katayama		7.00	ENGINE
17 J Verstappen	6	10	£26m
18 Q Panis		Talk in a	S.L. Renaud
E3m			£18m
19 L Badoer		4-700	52 ferral
20 R Rosset	1	42	£15m
21. A Monterwin	THE PERSON NAMED IN		33 Marced
C2m	-		£12m
22 G Fisichelle			54 Pengeo
23 V Sospiri	0	0	£10m
241 Marques	_	3.78 ¥	55 Wuget
25 F Lagorce		0	ESm Linksyk:
26 H Noda	entress de la com use	0	
			26 John 77
27 T Inoue	0 ************************************	0	£6m
			57 Yamahi
28 M Blundell	0 	0	£4m
29 I C Bootlan			S Part
30 K Brack	0	0	£3m
St K But			34 From 20
32 E Collard	0	G	£2m
3 N Regitand	1	77	SE FAME
34 D Franchitti	0	0	
S N Side		200	. 4
C I Management			- T-16

18 14 12 0 18 TEO -For our helpline simply



cali: 01275 344183



Viii

MINE

n it:

2.17

Tite

to will be from

Hill best H. W. 2011

density office

then the knig

 $\mathrm{Unp} \to \mathrm{un}\, \mathrm{hu}_{\mathrm{B}}$

alice as October

is a subspeciming

Training the same

to the distance

M. Haw Kidee

Con Very New

 $\mathcal{M}(\mathcal{M}_{c}) = \operatorname{ord}(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_{k})$

the same of change

er er er in the fa

and the throng from

the may be shown

the transmitters

continue contra

a accomplish

to be true endeten

 $1 + r + 1 + 1 + r + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{r^2 + r^2 + 1} \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{1}{r$ Company of August 19.

of the south

 $\sigma^2 = 11 + h k_0 \, h_0^2$ to dised topic

carry to a proving

to a secondary

Altered by that con-

Annual distriction

thin is senitha

The Marini peop

or helical

 $2.32\pm0.00\,\mu\rm g$ or the company

Mr. Salahal

The first today

B(4) ATT STREET

The state of the The par . Serife: Au

- Ս գր գիլ

e Permana

Runn:

to be for all to The state of New

half of

Shaamit's track career ended by tendon injury

GREG WOOD

the consoling thought for fans Ascot, while he was unplaced in of Shaamit, the Derby winner, when he failed to win any of his three starts after Epsom, but that hope too was dashed yesterday when it was announced that William Haggas's colt has been retired as the result of an injury sustained in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe at Long-

champ earlier this month. horse this century to win the Derby on his seasonal debut, and while that immense promise was not fully realised later in the season, Haggas had long insisted that, like his sire Mtoto, he would be a far bet-

ter four-year-old. His best per- ons, and for him the news was much improvement was exformance after the premier Classic was in finishing third to Pentire in the King George VI "There's always oext year" was and Queen Elizabeth Stakes at both the Irish Champion Stakes and the Arc. It was in the latter race that

Shaamit suffered the injury which would end his career. "Fears that a knock received in the Arc might have caused more damage than mere bruis-ing have been confirmed," hamp earlier this month. Justin Wadham, managing di-Shaamit was only the third rector of Darley Stud Manage ment Ltd. said yesterday. "He has been retired after injuring

Unlike some of his Newmarket neighbours, Haggas's relatively small string is not riddled with potential champi-

particularly painful. "I am very pected of him." upset, and now we have got to go and find another star," he said. "The mjury is not so bad and I'm sure a lot of time will cure it, but you can't afford to take a year off with a horse like him. It is such a pity because I

said all along he would get bet-ter as he got older, and no-one

will see that now." Stud plans for Shaamit have yet to be finalised, though Wadam is in little doubt that his future is bright. "He is by Britain's leading sire out of a Habitat mare, so as well as being a horse of exceptional good looks and conformation, he is a complete outcross to Northern Dancer. His performances as a threeyear-old are all the more meritorious when you consider how

Shaamit is the sixth Derby winner in the last 20 years to be retired without winning another race. His final career record shows six outings and just two successes -- he won the second of his two races as a juvenile but the form of his Derby victory has looked much stronger since Shanton, third at Epsom, won the St Leger at Doncaster last month. For all the talk of the Clas-

sic's decline in recent years, nothing excites thoroughbred breeders quite like a Derby winner. We can only hope that, unlike every other Epsom winner of the 1990s, Shaamit will be allowed to improve the breed in

point of training almost 200 horses when you cannot find even one to take on your biggest rival in a Group Two event half a mile down the road?

Godolphin string for the trainers' title moves towards its climax. Cecil can only watch today as Charnwood Forest sets out to extend Godolphin's lead in the championship in the Chal-

lenge Stakes at Newmarket. Charnwood Forest is not far behind the very best in Europe over a mile, but today's drop back to seven furlongs is not certain to suit him. Lucayan Prince, by contrast, is ideally suited by this distance, but may not get the fast pace he requires, which leaves BISHOP OF CASHEL (nap, 3.40) as the likely winner. James Fanshawe's colt was a little disappointing at Longchamp

What, Henry Cecil must be last time, but the form of his prewondering this morning, is the vious victory at Doncaster gives him an outstanding chance.

Cecil can have

faith in Bishop

The day's most valuable race is the fiercely-contested Two-Year-Old Trophy at Redcar. mile down the road? which tends to give smaller As his struggle with the yards a fair crack of the whip That could be the case again to ainst their better-known rivals. day, for while Jhazi (David Loder) and Much Commended (Geoff Wragg) go to post with good chances, Brian Mechan's fomba (next best 255) should

have the beating of both. Back at Newmarket, there are any number of possible winners in the 12-furlong rated stakes, with Dear Life (2.35) just preferred to Polydamus and Zaralaska. Daring Flight (3.10) will be the value against Amyas in the nursery, but the final televised handicap is poor and one



NEWMARKET

2.35: Willie Conquer's fifth in a hot chandicap at Ascot last time makes him difficult to oppose. Reg Akehurs's six-year-old had most of today's field behind him that day, including POLYDAMAS, who trailed in 16th. But that was the Michael Steute trained cold's first run since in 10th. But that was the Michael Stoute-trained colt's first run since May and he showed significant improvement to fmish second at Ascot last week. Revenge is on the cards.

3.10: Barry Hills has succeeded in



running up a fine sequence of wins with Nighthird, and AMYAS, another progressive juvenile from his yard, can continue the good work. A 7th

3.40: Traffic problems prevented Lucayan Prince from winning at Ascot last month and he will be backed here to gain compensation. Roday's smaller field should help David Loder's colt, who needs to be held up for a late run. He will certainly need to be at his best, though, to catch CHARNWOOD PORIEST. The Godolphin four-year-old is probably best at a mile but still has the class to take this Group Two event.

for beining purposes. Hardy Dancer

would have a great chance on early season form but has been out of sorts recently. No Cliches has been in fine form of late, but has been in me form of late, but has been unable to get his head in front when it matters. Perhaps the value lies with SERENDIPITY, who has performed respectably in a couple of handicaps more competitive than this one.

2.55. Heavy backing can be anticipated for MUCH COMMENDED.
This lightly weighted filly won nicely at Nottingham last time, but it

would be unwise to take too short a price in such a big field. More at-tractive odds should be available on BLANE WATER, a close-up sixth in a classier race than this two weeks a classic race (nan this two weeks ago. James Fanshawe's filly may also be better drawn. Among those drawn on the far side, Tomba seems certain to be in the shake-up.

3.25: The Fanshawe stable runs Di-lazar, who faded in the closing stages in a 10-furlong race at Yarmouth last time and could be ide-

ally suited by this distance. Preference, though, is for QUILLING, a course winner on this track. He failed to get into the hunt in a seven-fur-long contest at York on Saturday, but this genuine four-year-old should be a tougher proposition over this mile. 3.55: MESHHED, the filly who in-

jured Willie Carson when kicking out on her intended debut at Newbury. is clearly temperamental but may b

2.00 Aficionado 2.35 Polydamas

3.40 Charnwood Forest 4.15 Serendipity 4.50 Catchable 3.10 AMYAS (nap)

NEWWARKER

GOING: Good to Firm.
STALLS: Par side, DRAW ADVANTAGE: None.
Ill Right-hand course with 1 in 2f straight (Rowley Mile course).
Racecourse is south-west of town on A1304. But link from Newmarket radiusy aution (served by London, King's Cross). ADMISSION: Club S14 (18 to 25-year-olds S5); Gamdatand & Paddock S10 (16 to 26-year-olds S5); Siver Ring S3. CAR PARK; Menthers S1; remainder from

LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS: H CecH — 68 winners from 289 runners gives a success ratio of 23.5% and a loss to a 5.1 level stake of 5.13.06; E Hannes — 51 winners, 304 runners, 12.2%, 5.124.26; L Camani — 35 winners, 255 runners, 11.9%, 5.130.14.

\$1.24.26; L Camani — 35 winners, 255 runners, 11.9%, 5.130.14.

\$2.24.26; L Camani — 35 winners, 255 runners, 11.9%, 5.130.14.

\$2.24.26; L Camani — 35 winners, 255 runners, 11.9%, 5.130.14.

\$2.24.26; L Camani — 35 winners, 256 runners, 256 runners, 496 rides, 11.9%, 5.135.14.

\$2.25.26; L Camani — 35 winners, 5.145.18; W Carroon — 55 winners, 496 rides, 11.1%, 5.77.37; W R Swinners, 5.145.18; W Carroon — 56 winners, 496 rides, 11.1%, 5.77.37; W R Swinners, 5.145.18; W Carroon — 56 winners, 496 rides, 11.19, 5.145.19; W Carroon — 56 winners,

13	L30	NGK SPARK PLUGS COMOUTIONS STAKES ICLASS B £12,500 midded 1m 2f
7		OVERBURY (22) (Godolohin) Saeed bin Sustor 5 9 12
2		FLORID (USA) (124) (CD) Boot Howard do Welderly H Cool 598
3	603342	DESERT SHOT (26) (C) (D) (Maktourn Al Maktourn) M Stoute 690
4	123231	MADELLAN (USA) (23) (D) (Mohemed (Dekte) CBRitain 3 8 0B Doyle.
5	130430	PRINCE OF MY REART (22) (6.) Hicks) 8 His 3 8.0
6	2-3100	MUSICK HOUSE (120) (R E Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 3 8 12. W 9 Salabam
7	1-4	Part Biology MATER (180) (RF) ((Abdullar) H Cool 3 & 8
8	21	SHEHAB (124) (D) (J J Wholar) P Hodger 389
9	1.	WASHINA SAMOS (249) (J.L. Dunion) J. Dunion 3 8 8T Qulma

BETTING: 5-2 Florid, 8-1 Overhury, 7-2 Decent Shot, 8-1 Magailne, Stright Webs:, 10-1 Wahiba Sanda 1,995. Bal Harbour 4 9 0 Pat Eddery 5-2 (H Caci) 8 min

TO OO EQUITY FINANCIAL COLLECTIONS SELLING STAKES (CLASS

١	2	2.00	E) £6,000 added 2YO 7f	
ı	1	153030	SZBANESTVALLE WOOD (IS (Likely Lack Partnership) P Motory 9.2	P McCabe (3) 10
ı	2	290306	AFRICAMANO (T3) Uniform Pro-Jacob R Johnson Houston & 11	S Sapta
ı	3	63060	BATTO F GROUND (25) (N A Callection) N Collection 8 11	
Ì	4	0030	CHAMPACHE TOAST (36) (The Boardman Syndicale) R Hannon 8 1:	
ı	5	00	COURT F-F-4-B-A (3/6) (Camielox Recing) C Allen 8 11	_Mertin Dwyor (5)
ı	8	244680	ORESAURE (21) (E.R. Kestenocker) C. Dweer 8.11.	
١	7	- 00	PELAND PROCE MAS (18 R Lenture (18) N Callabian 8 11	5 WINDKOTO
Į	8	#25C24	Marke Marke 8 11	D SWORDOY (7)
ı	9	0004	PALICY HUNRY (53) (Substitutes Materials Ltd) N Calleghan 8 11	
I	10	Λ	WORKER HISTORY FROM CONTROL CONTROL & 13	6 HELEGION (2)
d	11	414200	DOMESTICS OF REPORTS ON AN IA S Reid B Median 8 11	B Doyle 10
÷	112		CAMPE VED MAN (20) ASIM 1 WAND S WIEGERS \$ 11	PANTON WINDOWS (7)
ı	13	66	SENSING MEMBER MS) (1 W Louth S Wilson 8 11	A WOMEN (J
I	14	00	CHEMINE IN SHARM (15) (Charlother Weight) () ARLICAGE 11	والمحال المستسيد
I	15		CHARLES CHARLES (Charles Holding) Limited J 60800769 & 11	LITTLE DESCRIPTION OF THE PERSON OF THE PERS
1	16	004616	paramouse ADEAM #300 (Alex Turkerman) M (Charmon & 11	CHOOY PROTES
Ĭ	17	~~~	umposes of St. Refer C President Climbs M Changes 8 11	
ŧ	18	~44	AND THE RESERVE OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERT	
ł	19	0	Marriage La GOCHE (73) (Emin Houstoon) J Micros & 11	
١	20			
ı	21	640	members and distribution Thomas thank Rating 1979 9 14985 8 H.	
ı	22	•	PROMOTER AND MAN LA DIENA DI INDIO SID.	
ı			TIMES AND DE LINE AND DESCRIPTION OF PRINCES & S.	

2.35 HUNTER PRICE PARTNERSHIP RATED STAKES (CLASS B HANDICAP) £12,500 added 4f 201600 SON OF SIMMER SHOT (29) (D) (Mindlewer Dessee) J Durlop 6 9 7 Pet Eddery 10 S/0212-0 ZARALASKA (18) (D) (Finodes Stud) L Durlani 5 9 0 L Durlop 6 9 7 L Durloni 1 216110 ARABBAN STORY (18) (D) (RF) (The Queen) Lord Husengton 3 8 13 W B Salainum 11 20031. DEER LIFE (15) (20) (10) (how home the Value of No.) Cent 3 8 13. W B Subbans 15 20031. DEER LIFE (15) (20) (10) (home of the Value of No.) Cent 3 8 11. Martin Deeper (5) 6 053106 MYSTIC (all. (40) (0) (hos 6 h. Winerland) 8 Harvood 5 8 10. A Clark 3 002315 WILLIE CONQUER (15) (0) (Begroom Toot) 6 R Mehant 4 8 7. Sendans 4 323620 BORROS (15) (5) Sindrokes (7 Christophul Christophul (15) M Strute 4 8 7 . R Curleman 6 V 8 - 111223 - SHAFT OF LIGHT (426) (D) (The Queen) Lord Runington 4 8 7... 10 - 601050 AT LINERTY (18) (Bouze Adams) R Hannoth 4 8 7... 11 - 215050 THREE HILLS (26) (K Abdulai) 8 HIIs 3 8 0

— 11. declared — Minkoutrweight: 8st 7ib (3)o 8st Ols). True handicap weight: Willie Conquer, Rumins & Polyclares 8st 6lb, Shaft of Light & At Liberty 8st 5lb, Three Hills 7st 10ib.

BETTIME: 4.1 Polydantes, 9-2 Amelian Story, Deer Life, 5-1 Willie Conquer, 11-2 Zerolaskie, 8-1 Son Of Sharp Shot, 11-1 Ibusios, 14-1 Myelic Hill, 16-1 Shaft of Light, 20-1 others.

1995: Maked Welcome 3 8 8 J Reid 10-1 (A Fritheston-Godley) 10 ran

Some of these are November Hendicap possibles, but the vota goes to ZARALASKA, progressive as a four-year-old and weighted with every chance of revening lest year's Royal Accor form (Bessborough Hendicap) with See Of Sharp Shot, being Sib better for a neck, Pat Eddiny other ignes the telerated but tricky Son Of Sharp Shot is great ride, but Zarakaria shaped but with great ride, but Zarakaria shaped but with great prough it and Ascort handicap last morth (fading after being handly placed on the house burn) to suggest he could be a different proposition with thes needed race behind him. He has shown to story 12 through seel and he can probably shine, over farther. There are danged right down the column and Willie Conquer, lifth of 20 in that Ascot handicap last month, came out better then Romales (2th), At Liberty (2th), Arabian Shoty (14th), Son Of Sharp Shot (15th) and Polydames (16th), as well as 17th-placed Zarakaska. But it was such a competitive hendicap that a lockey only had to take things easy, or run late bed luck, for a relatively short dispance to gain a mideacing placing and the possibility of Ambien Story, being 10p.of.the.pile this time is not procluded. The Queen's improved gry won the amassum." Detry at Epport in August in a good time and and subsequently hed the 18th Dear FORM GUIDE steurs: Derby at Epsom in August in a good time and and subsequency in a Libe four and a half lengths actiff when landing a O-JOS grade York handleap. Door life is held at the weights and there is more interest in Mystic Hitt (good Newbury winner in July) given that Goy Harwood has a good understanding of what is required through Better Offer.

			AMMONIA	
	[3.10	BIRDCAGE NURSERY HANDICAP (CLASS C) £8,000 added 270 6f	
	4	0431	CRONANOC (36) (O) (A.H Robinson) J Amold 9 7	5 Smdas 1
	2.	155143	BURLINGTON HOUSE (12)(D) (Richard Green Fine Partings) P Cole 8 5.J	Federar (5) 12
	3	61350	STONE FLOWER (USA) (36) (R E Sanguer) P Chapple I ham 8 6	W 6 Swintern 9
	4	5611	AMDRE (8) (9) (94s) M Codest) B 186 8 6 (7ed	
	. 5		SHARP HAT (12) (D) (BF) (J C Smilly R Hannon 95	
•	8		DARBOG PLIGHT (USA) (17) (Henryl: De Hwinkowski) Lord Huntington 9 4	
	7	· 21	PEART (BROS (13) (S Hugges) W Heaters 9 2	R Hughes 10
	8		LAMORENA (12) (D) (W H Poneonby) M Charmon 8 1.	
	8		FEEL A LINE (48) U.S. Guttaro & Manchan & 13	
	. 10		REMINIONE RAIN (USA) (26) Gladarum Al Malanum) M. Johrston 8 12	
	11	603	SALTERBANCO (13) U C Smith (Baking 8 11	
	12	033232	PEINE DANSEUSE (13) (BF) (Binding Matters Ltd) C Dwyer 8 11	Jo Horses (7) A
	13	5040	BROUGHTONG ERROR (54) (Broughern Theorem Insulation) Wildeston 8 5	_ N Balri (5) 2
	14		STYLE DANCER (8) (Mrs C A Hodgetts) R Whitaker 8 5.	
	15		APREPARE (22) (Stephen R Hobson) Mrs J Carol 6 2	
	18		RETURN OF ARMY (3th Chelin Amin Deblero J Bethel 81	
	17		POZZLEMENT (28) Sés C E Bouain) C Betrain 8 1D	
	-			

000 DRIRELLA (13) (Dukeston Equine) W Mair 7 13... -10 declared -BETTIME: 3-1 Amyan, 6-1 Shorp Hat, 8-1 Burlington House, Style Dancer, 12-1 Grybanoc, Feel A Line, 14-1 others. 1995: Lunar Mist 2 8 7 R Hadio 4-1 (Maryn Meede) 10 am FORM QUIDE

FORM QUIDE:

AMYAS won so epsity-when he took of York nursely lest time, Michael Hills brought him from test to first and was still taking an embanased sug on the reine as Amyes begin to stude clear. He is improving fest but this is a competitive inse on paper and Amyas may need an extra furiong or so to reside his fill potential this exturne, but it is perhaps worth risking odds of questionable value to side with him. Heart Tarob was fairly stylish, too, in taking a technicing Lingfleid maiden 13 days ago and Burllington House, parmeted by a polished claiming falor, would have pipped Sharp Het for second in Security's course and distance nursely 12 days back, but for being hampered over a furlong out.

3.40 CHALLENGE STAKES (CLASS A) (Group 2) £50,000 added 7f

4-02214 BISHOP OF CASHEL (11)(D) (Cheveley Park Study) Faretrams 4-9 O. R Cochrane 6 112

FORM GUIDE

The handsome Charmwood Forest has run only five times this year, but has been mung it with the best. He will love the ground if it retains some bounce and is hard to ignore, but biSHOP OF CASHEL has had a stightly easier time in compection and that may count for something at this advanced stage of the year, locally, an esser surface would help, but the straight here should be in good shape and his winning record suggests he is more of an exturn type than Charmwood Forest. The 4th he receives is barely enough but two furlongs out, he cruised up to threaten Mark Of Esteem in Goodwood's Celebration Mills in August, Locayand Philose has been numing over its furlongs of late but his Jersey Stakes win so over seven and his turn of foot makes him is big danger. My Brauch in the frame in both her Guinces attempts and can leave behind a sub-standard effort, at Goodwood lest time when admit of third-obsaid Thriffinel bow in the Supreme Studens.

CPC1	declarity	DISTOP OF GRAPILE
4	15	MILCARS LEASING HANDICAP (CLASS D) £6,000 C4
1		HARDY DANCER (26) (D) (Peter 1, Higson) G L Moore 4 10 0. S Whitworth 7
2	003050	SEREMONESTY (FR) (149) (John Dorby) J Dunlop 3 9 8
3	040000	ERREDA (18) (D) (C E Britan) C Britain 8 9 2
4	046000	TOLLICURES REVIEWA (5) (CD) Clames Furlang) J People 6.9.1
5-	#22604	BLATIANT OUTSURST (15) [G C Boyery) 8 Brissey 6 9 1
8	006222	NO CLICHES (10) (D) (BP) (Machael H Wart) G Lows 3 8 13Pat Eddery 5 8
7		CHARLE CHANG (69) (D) (Im Hogan) R Harron 3 8 12 R Hughes 1
8	560560	GOLDEN TOUCH (USA) (28) (C) (D) (Mrs Hisa Godbey) O Cospose 4 8 4
_		5 Senders 9
8	U60000	DEEVEE (15) (CD) (D Turner) C Beresteed 7 7 10
20)	600000	SALDWIDD (6) (D) Bos Sandy Henrige) Pat Matchell 5 7 20

Minimum weight: 7st 10th, True translicap weight: Saltando 6st 11th. RETURNS: 11.4 No Cilchen, 5-1 Serondipity, 11-2 Matant Outburst, 13-2 Herdy Demoir, 7-1 Cherlie Chang, 15-2 Erlica, 3-1 Topjours Riviera, 14-1 Golden Touch, 20-1 Decree, 33-3 Saltando.

BLATANT OUTBURST finds this trip the absolute minimum but was unlucity not so be nearer than fourth in a Brighan maiden over the top test time and and was for from disgraced
in Chester handleap (extended seven futionss) the time before. He is a little less exposed
than most of these, could be on a feir made and has Francise Detton to give him a new outlook on life. Toolpours Review has been a little less consistent of late but was severally
24 in a decement event at Ascot lest time, while Handy Dascor has every chance on his form
in the first half of the season. No Cliches is in good heart, but has finished decond in the
last time outlines. Selection: ELATANT OUTBURST

4.50	EBF CHESTERTON MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) 2YO 1m	£9,000 added
8	CAPCHABLE (16) (Lord Howard de Wolden) H Cecil 9 0	Pat Eldery 11
	CITY HALL (Lord Withstock) P Chapple-Hyem 8 D.	W R Swinborn 17
8	DAVOGRO (62) (Robert Ogden) 8 Hits 9 0	H HES 2
0	FANTAIL (14) (Pariete, Lety Netson of Sydlest) M Tomplers 9 0	R Mollen (7) 15
	GADROOM Blood Scarsdaley P Hanlary 9 0	
	GALIBES (PRO (Lotemenorus) Ratorig Services Ltd) P Kelleway 8 0	
	HIGHLY PRIZED (J C Smith) Baiding 9 0	L Dettod 1
0	JOLI'S PRINCE (26) (Four Score Recing) C Multay 9 0	P Hoorsfield 7
	NATURAL EIGHT DAS Molecty Sku B Hills 9 0	A Clark 16
	QAVEN WOOD (25) (Gallagher Memorals Ltd) N Colleghen 9 D	
	READ, ESTATE (211) ON Aharmada C Wall 8 O.	
,	RESALT (Sheld) Abmed Al Melecum) M Janes 9 0	
	ROYAL CRUSADE (USA) (Highdern Thomashired Record Ltd) W Hopper	
i	THEOTHY GEORGE (Theo Wagdington) G Balang B O	
	ALIFANDANGO (AL J. Ross) A Stewart 8.8	
	RENCA (P Cunninghero) J Pearce 8 8	
	VALAGALORE DAS A O Bourne) 8 Hills 8 8	
	- 17 declared -	

BETTING: 3-1 Denosis, 7-2 Catchable, 3-1 City Rell, 10-1 Natural Elgis, Highly Prized, 12-1 Gallais

12-1 Victoria's Drawn, Waterville Boy, 14-1 Greentre, Princ 1995: Domentee 2 8 6 Dené C'Neil 16-1 (R Hemon) 27 cm MUNICAL SEE

HYPERION 1.50 Cointosser 2.25 Almapa 3.00 Drumcullen 3.35 Southern Ridge 4.05 Mutazz 4.35 Tenayestelign 5.10 Red Tel

Bigin-band course, Run-in of 150yds.

Bigin-band course is 5 of town on B8170, Tameton station 2m. ADSGS-Course is 5 of town on B8170, Tameton station 2m. ADSGS-STON: Members S11; Paddock S8.50; Centre of Course S4. CAR. rse £3; remainder free.

SUNKERED FIRST TIME: Paytes Jones (1.50); Colin's Fride (1.25); Merikas Wish (2.25); Mylordamyer (2.25).

NINNERS IN LAST SEVEN DAYS: Colutosser: (1.50) won at Whoman on Thursday; Dramon Em (3.50) won at Whoman on Thursday; Dramon on Thursday; Long- Colin Dismont (1.50) won at Luflow on Thursday; Creaty-stading (4.35) won at Luflow on Thursday.

LONG-DESTANCE EUNNERS: Temat (3.35) has been sent (4.8 miles by E lagram from Epsom, Surrey, Hever Golf Dismond (1.50) sent [4.8 miles by T Naughton from Epsom, Surrey.

1.50 WATCHET JUVENILE NOVICES' CLAIMING HURDLE (CLASS 6) £2,450 added 3YO 2m

S40 IONGS NORMICLUS (S1) / White 10 3... 23 MONRA (7) P Murphy 10 0 Linear Come R Sporte 10 0.

2.25 DONYATT SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS 6) £2,450 added 2m 1f

um weight: 10st. Tour handloop weights: Collet's Price Set 13th, Shallochus 92 120. ESTINO: 7-2 Alexagu, 4-1 Miranure, 9-2 Finet Codet, 5-1 Matavell, 5-1 Merika Wich, 15-1 Scalp 'est, 12-1 others

3.00 LANSDOWNE CHEMICAL HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS D) £5,100 added 3m

3.35 TIVERTON NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 added 2m 1f

POO RUSSELS MANNER (230) N Havie 5 32 SECOND COLOURS (14) M Pipe 8 10 6-0 ALL SEAN UP (83) R Beles 4 20 11. .B local MR JRSPER N The MOSTIC LECENIC J Shaehan 4 10 11....P Hide 11. BY STATE DESCRIPT SAFETIN A 10 11. A PROBE 12 P-2 TOWNL (B) R Ingland 4 10 11. A Magaine 13 06 LOWELERA (182) R Ainer 8 10 7. P Monley (5) -12 declared - PETRIN: 3-1 Afth Champanilho, 7-2 Societed Colours, 9-2 Southern Hidge, 7-4 Townel, 6-1 Decent Calox, 13-1 Lowieurs, 14-2 Mr Calox, 16-1 others

4.05 CAVENDISH TECHNOLOGY HANDICAP HUR-DLE (CLASS E) £4,000 added 2m 3f 110yds

- B declared -BETTING: 5-4 Mediazz, 5-2 Peter Monney, 5-1 Take A Piyer, 6-1 Empero Chang, 6-1 Zinghar 4.35 ISEFLO IODINE CHALLENGE CUP NOVICE CHASE (CLASS E) £4,200 added 2m 610PP-1 TEMPLESTELLEN (7) (0) 0 Mont 8 11 0 _____ JA MoCarting
B COOLEEN RESO (15) R Aber 5 10 12 _____ Mr McParlam
PP050-17 ROYAL MARD (8) M Madgach 5 10 12 _____ B Funtos
OP000-3 LARISS TAIL (8) P Webber 8 10 7 ____ R Baltany
-4 declared -5.10 OCTOBER STANDARD OPEN NH FLAT RACE (CLASS H) £1,550 added 2m 1f 5 MOONLIGHT ESCHANDE (NS R Houses 5 11 11.7 Descombe 21 RED TEL (57) M Pipe 4 11 10. MED THE (ST) M PDC 4 11.10 DON'T ARROYS (Ningh 5 11.4 HEDDEN WALLEY R Frost 4 11.3 MANUFALL (23) K Badgauler 4 11.3 RAYMEE JACK (Carbaghar 4 11.3 RAYMEE JACK (Carbaghar Brown 4 11.3 RAYMEM Mes K Whilehouse 4 11.3 JOSEPHINE CREY 5 Cote 5 ID 13.
LEOPARD LADY (23) N Haude 4 ID 12.
LITTLE EMPERS J Bridley 4 ID 12.
ARES EM P Nichols 4 ID 12.

RY LEGSIO (81) O Adverver 4 10 12 ... 8 treater - 14 declared -4 decimus — Aght Escapada, 7-1 Summarway Legend, See 14-1 little Embers, 18-1 others BETTME: 6-4 Red Fel, 5-1 Moonlight Escapede, 7-1 Sementury I 10-1 Woodstock Weederer, Mrs Ste, 14-1 Utile Embers, 18-1 eth

RACING RESULTS

2.10: 1. PONDO WARRING (I FTiter) 13-8 far, 2. France Intend 7-1; 3. Databete 15-2; 7 ran. 8, 13. (Mass H Knight). Robe 52:10: 52:10, 53:40. De: 521.20. CSe 512.65.

4.40: 1. CRACK ON (A P McCoy) 7-4 jr fer; 2. Out Renking 7-4 jr fer; 3. Little Hooligen 9-4. 4 ran. 9, 20. (P Hobbs), Tute: £2.50. DF: £2.70. CSF: £5.05. RICHARD FDMONDSON

NB: Davoski (Newmarket 4.50) DF: £5.30. CSP: £19.70. Treast: £74.65. Placepot: £18.70. Quadpot: £11.00. Place St: £19.75. Place St: £9.74. WETHERBY

2.20: 1. LAGAN (A S Smith) 20-1; 2. Falconts Florae 8-1; 3. Physicism Naze 9-2, 13 ran. 4-1 fav Globe Runner (4th), 5, 6, (Klogajon), Totae 549,40: £7.20, £3.30, £1.60, DF: £148.40, CSF: £173.33, Tho: 250; 1, MONY-SKIP (Purint) Guest) 5-2; 2 Commendeer 10-1; 3, Delee Marstall 11-9 flm 6 ran. 11, 7, May 5 Smith), Bater 53,00; 51,70, 53,30. DR £17.10. CSP: 521.42.

£1.60, £1.90, £1.50, DF: £18.10. CSF: £23.50. Tricast: £39.26.
3.50: 1. GENERAL COMMAND (R Durwood): 10-11 £ar, 2. Glemot 5-2; 3. De Jordson 20-1. B rat. 3, 18. (S Richards). Rote: £1.80; £1.90; £1.50. DF: £2.40. CSP: £3.58. NR: Masser Boston. 4.20: 1. SHARE OPTIONS (I. Wyer) 8-1: 2. Autorotic Wind 9-2; 3. Highbeath 3-1 tex 18 ras. ½, 7, (T Easterly), inter 19-40; 52.50, 51.60, 52.10, DF. 216.90, CSF £47.08. Trick £21.20. NP: Chartey Lambert.

REDCAR

2.10 Totam Dancer 2.55 Blane Water

3.55 Meshhed (nb) 4.25 Evidence in Chief

COUNCE Good to Farm Farm to plants a STALLS: (not), inside touch the carder overthe DRAW ADVANTAGE: limb for 10 to 1m.

Berkhand, tight rective with a me mile straight.

Course is off A1055 (supposted from 2-0.) Early at state of (Barlington) Saltham has 1000pt, ADMISSION: Calls \$1.2, Particle, \$8,000s, \$3.501; Course \$2.501(thing a) and \$1.500pt.

ELADONG TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS; Mrs M Reveley and wearest from 178 more given a success mass of 17 % and a fact of a 1 3 will older of 4 hours of 4 hours of 1 hours of 1 hours of 4 hours of 4 hours of 4 hours of 1 hours o

1.40 CLB HUNTERS RATING RELATED MADEN STAKES (CLASS E) £4,200 anded 2YO 1m Penalty Value £3,196 43065 MURBLI (MES (27) For Long Long Parts (27) 1 (25) (1) 4 (25)

- 9 decimed -HG: 9-4 Eponine, 5-1 Hurgill Times, 8-1 Scient Star, Sens. 8-2 Pietro Bambo, Shekan Up **19-1 ethers** 1**90%: Quarty (no**) 2 9 0 J Certy, 11 2 W 4 (15~~~~~) 12 cm

2.10 LESLIE PETCH MEMORIAL HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,500 added 1m 6f Penalty Value £4,133

2996: Top Lan, the: 3 951 Decree 94, 148 (mg, 4 to)

- 1	1		
-	9	EE	REDCAR TWO-YEAR-OLD TROPHY (CLASS B)
1			£100,000 added ZYO of Penalty Value £57,418
1	1		The state of the s
1	2	5556	OUT OF SIGHT (IRE) (C2) (D.) (Alex, B.M. Warren S.12) M. Consorting 21
ı	3	_	statem a section was down to the first of a large to the first of the
١	Δ		FUNCT BATTALION (IRE) (7) 14.5 h/1 R h0 h/1/(2) 5 7. Funch 4
Į	5	110450	OSCHENTAL (28) HELT Officer Different body 8 : A Charmock 2 6
1	6	111402	PROUD NATIVE (RE) (26) (D) Facility A Ext. 5 William 5
ı	7	312	SPEEDBALL (RE) (15) (D) (B) A C Second (Complete St
Į	8		TONIBA (15) (D) J R G oct 8 Meets 8 " M Tebbott 1
I	9		SLUES QUEEN (16) (D) All high in Little V Children A S
ı	10		SONG OF SINYE (27) と J Fyrany に J Nation 6 5
ı	11		BAYFORD THRUST (55) (475 Jr. in human) J Rev. R
ŧ	12		BRAVEHEART (IRE) (28) (IV H Portorbit M Charron 6.4
ı	12	522126	DOUBLE J (RE) (AN) (DHATE SIGN A VIOLENCE SIGN
I	1-		MAGICAL TIMES (35) (D) We Ly in Bell R Exc. 5 4. O Durseld 20
ì	15		MUUONA (RED (22) (D) 11 D Gratum R Habitatiens 5 4 K Fallon 13
ı	18	11524	HIGHASINE (33) (CD) IM Giction J Eve 8 4
1	17	425233	PERHAM (IRE) (22) (D) (D A Lice-Smith R Homory 6.4. Dene O'Rel® 3
Ì	18 19		THE GAY POX (12) IG WYCHO! B NICHOND B4
ı	20	270420	CLASSIC PARK (12) (Urs Sezra, S Burst A J Prom S 2
I	21		NOMINATOR LAD (48) (J D Groham B Michighan B)
ı	24	2200	VASARE (RRE) (11) (Alex Tuckettico) M Channon B 1
1	22	12106	BLANE WATER (USA) (16) (D) (CT Keeng Ltd: 1 Farryone 7-23 O Harrison 27 MARATHON MARD (82) (D) (John Stephenson & Sons (Nettan) (Ltd. R Fane, 7-13.
1	دنم	72300	F Morton 25
١	24	021.50	SHAP CRACKLE POP (IRE) (16) U Short, N.Y.Vis , D Homi P. Intrinsian Houghton 1 13
ı	~~	UZZ	A McClone 14
1	25		MUCH COMMENDED (23) (D) A E Opperheusen G Magy ! 10 J Quinn 10
1	26	351	QUEEN'S PAGEANT (12) N/s Robert Heathcate / Spearing 7 10 O Bandwell 26
1	20	227	derent 2 Lieutines fort and article behalf 1 20-716 1 30 mil. "O commen to

25 301, QUEEN STREET AND ADDRESS OF THE STREET ADDRESS OF THE STREET AND ADDRESS OF THE STREET ADD 1995: Blue kis 28 2 P Robinson 6-1 (N) 4 Jan.s) 26 ra FORM GUIDE

FORM GUIDE

MINCH COMMISMODED is one of the the least experienced numers in this log field but she is well worth possisioning bearing in mind the last three winners of this race – Blue lins, Maid For Walking and Cape Menno – were all filters who camed a low weight. Aluch Commisded's win in a Naturgian matter has worked out neeth, with numer up Decjanada treating us at Warwack on the same day that the Naturgian fath, Tycoon Gui, won in pleasing style on this course, from a family full of winners that Geoff Wragit knows institute but, Much Commended could end up needing more than six furlongs, but she can sure but, Much Commended could end up needing more than six furlongs, but she can sure but her first six she comfortably beet subsequent Ascot gener, Lochangel, at Kempton and their first and is least of the winner. Pagual, in the Tattersalis, Mourton Staffes at Nerytheir (77). David Loder relies on Jissail, eacy without of Beverley and a coll with potent attended to the Loder relies of Jissail, eacy without of Beverley and a coll with potent attended in multi-disease offer standed favorable. Market Turner, but Tendella Middressine after an multi-disease offer standed favorable. Market Turner, but Tendella Midressine firshed in mid-division after starting favourite. Magical Tin (who has a useful put in the weights inday) and Osomental (proved for too strong for Magical Times 18th better off for fee lengths) and, its he has had the lighter season, looks more likely to improve. Speedball was two and it had lengths behind Tomba at Salsbury and has no weight pull, but he might not have been at effec-

	E	3.25	STANLEY RACING HANDICAP (CLASS D) £6,000 C4 added 1m Penalty Value £4,796
	1	052104	ROYAL RESULT (USA) (18) (D) (BF) (Mana Al Makinum) M Stoute 3 9 10 W Ryon 6
	5	20320	DRAZAR (USA) (29) Jilana Al Makatumi J Fanchawe 3 9 ? D Harrison 6
	3		CURLING (5) (C) III G Karsoni S. Pocs 4 9 5 Fortune 9
	Ā	2410	FALED TO HET (12) INSURIOUS SEATI SE NOR PROCEET 3 9 2
	5		ELITE PORCE (RE) (29) (R E Sangard P Chappe Hyurn 3 9 2
	ã	531134	MR TEIGH (40) (b) Was Harnah McAutel B Smort 4 9 0
	7	440402	RAED (5) (Homean Al Makioum) P Walkyn 390
	8	030052	SPANISH VERDICT (9) (C) (D) (Cax & Alter (NewCall Ltd) Donys Smith 9 8 9 K Fallow 7
	9	00.001	ANTARCTIC STORM (122) (D) Northembra Lesure Lto: R Fancy 38 7 G Carter 1.
	10	36:033	CES-JAY-AY (5) (D) (RC1200 Irils: J Sen. 980
	10	202461	DENSBEN (20) (C) 14's Junet M Pivel Denis Smith 12 8 0
	1 # 3	132001	MURRAYS MAZDA (RE) (20) (Muray Grabii J.L. Eyro 7 7 11
	73	WWW.	LA THURE (23) 325 M lets 1 Energen 4 / 10
- 1	_		- 13 declared -

— 1.5 metared —
ASSAULT weight, 7st 10th, isse functions weight to Trush 5st 13th,
BETTING: 3-2 Royal Result, 5-1 Quilling, 7-1 Asiarctic Storm, 3-1 Diluzar, Rued, 10-1 Mr Yeigh,
Spanish Verdict, 10-2 others
1995: Mindea 9 7 B 1 Crampo 11-1 if A Fobe; 12-1 and

Master Boueled and Desployed, test and find in a mile conditions race at Warwick Lat week, were found warring in hundrags next time, so if is difficult to be confident about the Warwick second, RAED. Apart from the Warwick roce, though, Raid has had just one attempt of a mile, knishing fourth of 23 when Sovertheens Lucky earn at York. On that occasion, Raed was only arries behind thad placed Quilling (who is 6th verse off), so he might be the answer to this tooky hundrags, although Quilling should be threadouts again on a track that brings out the best in ham. Royal Reputs and Dillazar look as though never an make their presence left, and Falled to Fift is surely capable of botter than he showed at Haydock, where the soft ground may have been against him. Densiben won at Haydock last Cotober, then followed on there and could go well askin after winning at Haydock last Cotober. Then followed on there and could go well askin after winning at Haydock last Cotober, then followed on there and could go well askin after winning at Haydock last Cotober. Then followed on there and could go well askin after winning at Haydock last Cotober. Then followed on there and could go well askin after winning at the

3.55 EBF MAIDEN FILLIES' STAKES (CLASS D) £5,000 C4

st, 14-1 Midnight Romance 1985: Green Charter 2 6 12 th Right 4-12 :H R A Cook 12 /an

assectiveen Charter 2 6 1.1 (Figst 2-1 H R A Cool) 32 (an EOSHHED) cours not cope with the more expensed Elegant Warring in Newmarks) but she should have beneficed from the run and is a half-sister to Jacob, who won once the trip at Ascob as a two-year-old for Ben Honbun, last your Bady Souza's running on third in Benyllium of Chester was a big improvement on her debut run at Norweyshim and the sam obscuss choice to make a race of it with Mesthad, although Western Hour most be debut in a combinate size light to One So Wonderful as hemponic after than an ordinary moden so she could him out useful.

Selection: MESHHED

4.25 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP (CLASS F) £4,200 added 1m 5f 135yds Penalty Value £3,605 1 3020-50 DON'T FOREST CLIRIES (IRE) (188) (The Legroto Curta Partnershop G Moore 4-9-12

- 15 declared
DETIME: \$-1. Snew Falcon, 7-1 Compasse, 15-2 Inidence in Chief, 12-1 Apr Of the Diver, Hoof-prints, 14-1 Pointers Quill, Broughtons Formula, 16-1 others 1896: Green Land (Bet: 3 9 2 K Falon 9-2 (S C Kuberns) 11 on

5.00 ESTON LIMITED STAKES (CLASS E) £4,200 added 5f Penel-ty Value £3,173

THE INDEPENDENT RACING SERVICES 0891 261 + NEWMARKET 071 981 REDCAR 983

HAYDOCK . 1.30: 1. CATIENUS (K Darley) 2-1 fac.
2. Outflamfor 5-1; 3. Right Wing 6-1; 10
rat. 8, 3½. (M Stoute, Newmarks), Totac
£2.70: £1.20; £1.20, £2.60, Dus Forecast: £4.90, CSF: £13.15. Tric: £11.90.
Non Runners: Faylk & Top 07 The Green.
Jackpoot: £4.40. Piacepot: £1.10. Place & £1.40.

If the remainder of the meeting was abandoned because of the state of the course. EXETER 210:1 CASH ON CRISE S Ren 11-4 for 2, Fauley Flyer 10-1; 3, Cathelic er 9-1, 10 ran 9, 16. U Madrel, Total f2.00; £1.40, £3.70, £2.70, DP. £17.00, CSP, £26.62, Tricest £194.55. This

£12.65.
3.40: 1. SHAHRANI P SCHORDOR) 2-7 tor, 2. Bright Samphire 14-1: 3. Sanfi £5-1.9 rm. 11. 8. (M Pp.6). Rota: £1.40; £1.10, £1.70, £4.80. DP. £8.70. CSP: £7.32. No: £34.50.

NAP: Lucayan Prince (Newmarket 3:40)

£7.32. This: £34.50.
4.10: 1. BISHOPS CASTLE U Front) 11:4: 2. Chickabletty 5-2 fev. 2. 1 Remember Web 7-1. 7 mm. 17:, 12: Rober \$2.80;
£2.30, £2.00. DF, £2.30. GSP, £9.82.

11-9 fire, 6 ran. 11, 7, files 5 Smith), Tates: £3.00; £1.70, £3.20. DP: £17.10. CSP: £21.42.

3.20: 1. DESERT FIGHTER (P Niver) 4-1; 2. Sertundian 5-1; 3. Prizeffigher 6-4 fire, 8 ran. %, 6, (Mits M Reveloy), Total: £5.20; Place 6: £43.91. Place 3: £8.51.

4.50: 1. PEBBLE BEACH (I Callaction

77.1

sport

In any case, the romantic perception of the Charltons as footballing brothers in arms has gone for ever

Going hack further in time than it is comfortable to remember I used termined to avoid in conversation. to find it strange that Jack and Bobby Charlton were not drawn to each other in the way you expect brothers to be. They are different, that's for sure, but variance in personality did not fully explain why they spent very little time together. After all, they were from a close-

knit working class family, and added to its remarkable prowess at football by sharing in England's 1966 World Cup victory, falling into a tearful embrace at the final whistle. We don't live in each other's pockets." Jack would grunt when questions about their relationship were

Later oo it became clear that there was something deeper, some-

This can happen in families and the discreet thing was to let them get on with it. From time to time people in this trade asked if there was any substance to rumours that the Charltons had grown apart. "Not to my knowledge," I would reply as a small means of protecting their privacy.

It all came into the open last week when the Daily Mail began serialis-ing Jack Charltoo's forthcoming autohiography; disaffection, Jack's complaint that Bobby, his late mother's favourite, seldom bothered to visit her or show concern about her failing health. "I'll run my life the way I want to," Bobby is quoted as

A baffling thing is why Jack chose

to go public. Was the decision influenced by his publishers or did he simply want to put the record straight? In any case, the romantic perception of the Charltons as foot-balling brothers in arms has gone for

I know Bobby fairly well but I know Jack better. Over the years we have formed what I like to think of as a friendship which makes the writing of this piece extremely difficult.

Companions one year, long ago, on a coaching course at Lilleshall, we wondered what the future held for us. Jack was revealing an excel-lent mind for the game, but things at Leeds were not to his liking. Constantly at odds with the training staff who considered his natural stubbornness to be disruptive, his play-



ing career was in limbo, "Don't know what it will lead to, where I'll end np," I remember him saying. All inged when Jack became reconciled with Don Revie, and went on to break through as a considerable international defender.

Importantly, fame didn't change home after being released from hospital following the awful Munich him. Cossed was always the word that sprang quickest to mind in descrip-tion and cussed he remains. Recalling their days together at Leeds, the former Republic of Ireland international John Giles said: "Jack wasn't always right but he was never wrong," which sums him up perfectly. To suggest that eavy on Jack's part

caused the rift with Bobby is absolute nonsense. Even before his own career took off, Jack went around expressing pride in his younger brother's achievements. Later he would say: "When you think about the greatest players in history you have to include 'our kid' among

In a book we did together 12 years ago. Bobby told of his journey

air disaster in 1958. "When I'd re-covered sufficiently to travel by train, Jack met me in London and drove me to Ashington where I was to spend a week or two. He didn't say very much and there were long silences. But I felt very close to him

Time did the relationship no Time did the relationship to favours. "Haven't spoken to him for ages," Jack would say when his brother's name cropped up in passing, "But it's no big deal. Ever since we left home we've gone our separate ways and playing together for England, a terrific thing for our paragraphs over mother, didn't ents, especially our mother, didn't

make any difference." Alf Ramsey was aware of the dis-

tance between them, so was Neil Phillips who served as England's medical officer at the 1970 World Cup in Mexico and brought Jack into-football management when vice chairman of Middleshrough. "I'm very fond of them both, think of them as friends," he said, "but there was always something about their relationship you could never put a finger on.

yerso yer fu

That Bobby became an establishment figure, a director of Manchester United, and carned a knighthood, does not enter the equation. Fame furthered by the remarkable feats he performed as the Republic of Ireland's manager, Jack has simply followed the course that most suited him. The sad thing is that they are probably beyond reconciliation.

Back to business for Woosnam

Golf

ANDY FARRELL reports from Wentworth

There are draws, and then there are World Match Play Championship draws. The event, in its 33rd consecutive year and the sixth under the sponsorship of Toyota, did not get where it is today without making some careful arrangements along the

By this evening, the British representation at Wentworth will be down by 50 per ceot. Scotland's Colin Montgomerie, the European No 1, plays Ian Woosnam - the man he beat to take the crown this season - in the feature match of the first

"The initial reaction was one of surprise," Montgomerie said. He knows better than that. "It's a shame, but it will be good for TV and the crowd."

Honestly, both of us think it is a bit silly doing it," Woos-nam added. "It would have been nice to have a chance to play each other in the final. They say it guarantees a home play-er playing on Friday, but I don't agree."
While Montgomerie was

heaten three times out of three at the Alfred Dunhill Cup last week in St Andrews, Woosnam had the week off to rest his ailhack. Those problems helped hand the Order of Merit title to Montgomerie.

"I feel better after the rest." Woosnam said. "It's my legs that are aching now because of the back. They feel tired and 1 am getting cramp. It is like I'm walking uphill all the time."

As Montgomerie has recog-nised, the Welshman is usually careful to get his excuses in first, but the physic van has been rimed for a possible visit after he has hit a few balls in the morning and he has already booked a table for lunch. Surgery, something Woosnam who suffers from the deterio-ration of vertebrae in his back

WORLD MATCHPLAY First Round 0816 and 1230: *S Eldington (Aus) v S Stricker (US). Winner to play *E Els (SA).

0830 and 1245; I Woosnam (GB) v
*C Montgomene (GB). Winner to
play *M Brooks (US). 0900 and 1215: N Serizawa (Japan

~~	uoi	-		-	-	
	Yards	Par		Hok	Yards	Par
1	471	4	-	10	186	3
2	155	3		11	376	4
3 .	452	4		12	483	. · 5
4 .	501	5		13	441	4
5	191	3		14	179	3.
6	356	4		15	466	4
7	399	4		16	380	.4
8	398	4		17	571.	5
9	450	4 .		18	502	5
Out 3	3,373	35		lm i	3,584	37
	8,957			Par '	72	

- has tried to put off, but maybe

"The surgeon wants to see me again," he said. "He assured me it is fixable and it won't stop me playing, but I don't know exactly what sort of operation I'll need. It is a question of when. It will take at least three months to recover." With the US Masters in April oext year in mind, it may

later. "I feel like I am suffering all the time and, long term,

want to keep on playing."

Big Mooty and wee Woosie have not met before in straight matchplay. "We know each other's games well and how we react under pressure," Mont-gomerie said. "I am looking forward to the challenge of play-ing him. I hit the ball straight and that is a key around here."

The Scot's record is good around the West Course, but he has yet to win either the Volvo PGA Championship or the World Match Play, although he lost in the final to Ernie Els in

Even if he should head for home defeated tomorrow - and he is the only one of the 12 players able to stay at home this week - his £30,000 prize-money will take him past £5m career earnings in Europe.

Woosnam, twice a winner here, became the first home champion in 1987, when he came through from the opening day. Only Corey Pavin in 1993 has achieved that feat since. "I don't agree that four of the 12 players get a day off," Montgomerie said. "But then I've never heen seeded here."

His fitness training and dieting from earlier in the year may help if he is to play all eight rounds needed to win the event. "I doo't feel my fitness let me down against Ernie in '94, hot I played my best golf oo the third day."

"It is a big advantage not to play until Friday," Els, the top seed and winner here for the past two years, said. The West Course is in superb condition



lan Woosnam warms up for today's match against Colin Montgomerie at Wentworth yesterday.

gressive nature in this format. No one has woo the event three times in a row, but Els, 27 to-day, should one day challenge Gary Player and Seve Ballestimes in a row, hut Els. 27 today, should one day challenge
Gary Player and Seve Ballesteros's record of five titles. Although perennial favourities such

The American presence is particularly strong, with the top though perennial favourities such

The American presence is particularly strong, with the top though perennial favourities such

The American presence is particularly strong, with the top though perennial favourities such

The American presence is particularly strong, with the top though perennial favourities such

The American presence is particularly strong, with the top though perennial favourities such

The American presence is particularly strong, with the top though perennial favourities such

The American presence is particularly strong, with the top though perennial favourities such as the wining American this flow to cattin with a town town town town to cattin with a t

and playing as long as ever, but as the Spaniard, the Masters it suits the South African's aga conflicting commitment in Japan - Greg Norman, Bern-

here. The Major winners - Tom Lehman, Steve Jones and Mark Brooks - are the other seeds, but the winning American trio from St Andrews, Mark O'Meara, Phil Mickelson and Steve Strick-

ner to play Els, won all his five matches at St Andrews but was brought down to earth with a

Henman to face Rusedski,

Tennis

Tim Henman and Greg Rusedski are poised for their first confrontation this year at the Czech indoor tournament in Ostrava. Britain's top two players will meet each other today in the second round after Rusedski defeated the Swiss qualifier George Bastl 6-4, 7-6,

Henman beat Sweden's Nicklas Kulti oo Mooday, and will face Britain's No 2 for the first time since he beat Rusedski 1-6, 6-3, 6-2 in the final of the British National Championship in Telford last November.

At that time Rusedski was the British No 1 and expected to win. Now the tables have turned and Henman, 26th in the world and seeded seventh in the Czech event, must start as favourite.

But Rusedski, whose world ranking slumped from a high of 33 in January this year to 84 two weeks ago, has been in standing form during the past fortnight, reaching the semifinal of the Heineken Classic in Singapore, ensuring his world ranking climbed to 75.

Then he won his first ATP Tour event since changing his allegiance from Canada to Britain when he beat Martin Damm, of the Czech Republic, in the final of the Peking Open. His ranking has now risen to 53.

Pete Sampras hreezed past the Canadian doubles specialist Grant Connell 0-1, 0terday in his opening Silver Group match of the Hong Kong Championships. The secood-seeded Austrian Thomas Muster also got off to a winning start, defeating the South African Neville Godwin 6-4, 3-6, 6-4 in the Gold Group.

ed short of sec

100.50

1 44

PLAYER TRANSFERS FROM 23 OCTOBER



Striker injured? Manager moved on? Now's your chance to improve your team for a sporting chance to win tickets to World Cup '98



* THE INDEPENDENT SINDEPENDENT

Offiah ready for Bedford debut

Martin Offiah will make his union debut for Bedford on Saturday - less than two weeks af-

ter specialists feared a toe injury could wreck his season.

The 29-year-old former Wigan winger has passed a full fitness test, and specialists are happy to let Offiah play in the Second Division here. visioo home game against Rotherham, providing he wears some extra padding in his boot. "It's still a hit sore but there

has been oo adverse reaction,"
Offiah said yesterday. "Tve had
my first full training session and
I feel sharp and ready. The specialists told me I had aggravated the injury between toes ed the joints between my toes, but with padding lining my hoot, I should be all right." Offiah arrived at Bedford

similar to that which curtailed Gary Lineker's football career. However, Offiah is now keen

on bolstering Bedford's promotion hopes and his own chances of an England call-up. "Obviously you've got to have high targets and now that I am back I would like to impress the England selectors," he said. Another player who has over-

come injury and returns on Sat-urday is Michael Lynagh. The world record points-scorer, who was injured playing only his sec-ond match for Saracens, makes his comeback against Cambridge University. Mark Evans, his director of coaching, said: "We are delighted to welcome him back so that he can ease his way into the team before the important forthcoming League matches."

captaining England against Italy at Twickenham next mooth. The vote of confidence comes from Leonard's England front-Chilcott, just days before Jack Rowell, the national coach, an-nounces his new leader.

"After watching Leonard skipper Harlequins this season, I think he could pip favourite Lawrence Dallaglio for the job," Chilcott said.

"If you are trying to hlend a young side together, then you need some experience. Leonard is a world-class player, and he's relishing his role at Haricquins. Captaining Quins must be a hard job because of all the class

Jason Leonard has been gentina six years ago and has tipped to win his 50th cap by since played in two World Cup

campaigns, and the 1993 British Lions tour of New Zealand. Dallaglio, the Wasps flanker

remains favourite for the position vacated by Will Carling, who stepped down last season after captaining England a world record 59 times. Rowell has said that he has

already made up his mind, but he will not reveal the identity of the captain until English rugby's power struggle is resolved. Negotiating teams from the Rugby Foothall Union and English Professional Rugby Union Clubs reconvened yesterday for secret talks, having spent last weekend trying to find

a peace formula. they've got, but he is proving to be an inspirational leader."

Leonard, still only 28, made his England debut against Ar
England's next scheduled squad If a compromise is reached this week, then Rowell could an-

training session at Bisham Abbey on Wednesday.

Bristol and Narbonne in fixture chaos

pean Conference organisers over a French fixture farce. Unless the First Division club entertain Narbonne on Saturday - instead of Sunday as planned - then tournament officials will award both points to their visitors.

The news, which arrived in a letter from the Conference's Duhlin headquarters yester-

claim they are now in an im-

possible position.

"We cannot stage the game on Saturday, because Bristol Rovers, who share our ground, are playing a Second Division match against Blackpool," the club's general manager, Dave Tyler, said. "Saturday night is also a non-starter because the

ground couldn't possibly be pre-pared in time after the football. The Sunday date was arranged weeks ago after we explained the whole ground-share situation to Narbonne.

But the Narbonne secretary, Rene Bes, countered: "We cannot play on Sunday for two reasons. We have reserved a flight for Sunday morning and our

players are not professionals. They have to be in work first thing on Monday morning."
Tyler added: "It is ridiculous for the ERC to say we must con-cede the game. We attended a meeting last July, when it was stated that arrangements re-garding dates and kick-off times would be determined by the

'Punch-drunk' fear for axed Pienaar

turn yesterday when a former team-mate of South Africa's World Cup-winning captain suggested he was in danger of

Uli Schmidt, the former Springbok hooker, supported Pienaar's demotion, saying a series of injuries had caused concern about his health and fit-

· Schmidt, a doctor, said Pienaar's reaction times had been eopardised by several concussion injuries and he was in danger of becoming punch drunk. Pienaar was left out of the Test series against the All Blacks in August because of injury. Schmidt said Pienaar oeeded a long rest to recover from his in-juries properly. Pienaar himself expressed bitterness about the way the coach, Andre Markgraaff, had dropped him from the squad to tour Argentina, Wales and France oext month.

"I am fed up with all the lies since I was left out of the team," the deposed Springbok captain said in the Afrikaanslanguage Beeld newspaper.

The row over the dropping of place for Pienaar in his visioo François Pienaar took a new of the game's future in South Africa.

"First, the coach said I have no role in the future of South African rugby," Pienaar was quoted as saying, "Theo it was said this meant only the immediate future. Then this was followed by statements that I had no role in the touring squad, that I was not available for the tour. that I had withdrawn myself.

Where is it all going to eod?"
He said Markgraaff, appointed earlier this year to re-place Kitch Christie, had yet to tell him about the decisioo to drop him. One of Markgraaff's two fellow selectors, Ray Mordt, quit the selection panel on Monday. "I did not sup-port Markgraaff in his decision." Mordt said.

The Springboks play their first Test against Argentina in Buenos Aires on 9 November England, the holders, who meet Romania in their pool of the 1997 Sevens World Cup in Hong Kong, while one of the qualifiers from next month's tournament in Duhai - from which Wales and Scotland are Markgraaff shocked South
African rugby on Saturday
when he said there was no

OFFICIAL SPONSOR GERMAN ENGINEERING WHERE YOU NEED IT MOST ON A CAR.

nof

זטוו

the

peci

lical

VC 5-

um-

hild

rack

dis-

gal-ked

يا ل

the the ries

w leveling ad-

vot death.

DEPENDENT

intendicion by Har to Vill Vi aletti or e e RREPROPERTY. **A33** PROF Cart. WHITE CL (RES. CO.) INC.

AST . **建新联系()** 1 457 4000 A 134 Section . K. PET 843 W.

a Bald $= G(\mu_{i})_{i \in I}$ ng-iti in the 1 24.5 120.1

III. E 4 -4 4 A House

Merson is reassured over future

Football

CATHERINE RILEY

Paul Merson that be was very much part of the Arsenal manager's future plans at Highbury. The midfielder has made an

impressive comeback which culminated in an England call-up since he began his battle against drink, drugs and gambling, but his admission that his marriage had brokeo down brought with it the indication Mersoo was fretting over his contract. His current deal with Arsenal

ends next year and the 28-yearold admitted that the club's failure to table a new offer had dded to his problems. Howev-Wenger bas moved to reassure Merson that he remains part of his long-term plans.

We have confidence in Paul to solve his personal problems, but if the club can belp then we will do it," Wenger said. "Paul is a passionate footballer with great skill, and he bas got himself back into the national squad. He is now arriving at the best years of his career and Arsenal can expect to see the best of Paul Merson. I think he is a player the club can count on in the future." Mark Bosnieb, the under-fire

Aston Villa goalkeeper, bas been given a glowing character reference from the Australian Football Association after he received an FA misconduct charge for his Nazi-style salute . to Tottenham fans on Saturday. Io a letter faxed to the FA in London, David Hill, the chairman of Soccer Australia, de-scribed Bosnich as an out-Archer's running of the club. standing ambassador, "Soccer Australia is proud of Mark's are pledging further demonsachievements and public profile. trations to maintain the pres-We efforts no and off the field e only brought good upon is sport and he bas gone out his way to help further the

n given a vote of confidence the club's vice-chairman. Richard Matthewman. "We felt Ray was the man for the job when we appointed him and he

did a great job in the second half of last seasoo. "As far as we are concerned,"

main problems this season stemmed from Alan Shearer's departure which was not of Ray's making. I think Ray has made it Arsèce Wenger yesterday told clear that be wants to do the job and feels be can do it providing he has everyone's backing."

Meanwhile, Rovers' leftback, Graeme Le Saux, yesterday took a step nearer to returning to duty for the first time since his ankle injury 10 months ago, playing the full 90 minutes of a closed-doors practice game against Traumere.

Paul Ince has been given a two-match ban following his controversial sending-off at the weekend in Internazionale's 2-0 victory over Piacenza. Ince was shown the red card after Giampietro Piovani collapsed theatrically in the goalmouth clutching his head. TV replays showed that Ince had merely tweaked the Italian's ear.

Chris Robinson, the chairman of Hearts, has been ordered to appear in front of the Scottish Football Association's disciplinary committee at their next meeting on 18 November. Robinson, who appeared on the touchline as his club had four men sent off in their game with Rangers at Ibrox last month, bas been summoned to explain his actions. The Brighton manager, Jimmy Case, has renewed his plea for the club to resolve their off-thefield problems following further demonstrations during Tuesday night's 1-0 bome defeat by

Around 2,000 Seagulls supporters walked out of the Goldstone Ground 15 minutes from

Brighton supporters' groups admitted: "It's getting harder for the players and me to

what's going on and is pursuing his proposals for a new stadium in Hove," Case said.

"I'm concerned about all the delays and confidence is being affected. My players haven't thrown in the towel yet. I'm getting a lot from them - but I need nothing has changed and the a bit more."



عكدًا من الأعلى

In this way to help further the use of football in Australia. "Unite Soccer Australia will never condone Mark's tions in this matter, we do to get the tions in this matter, we do to set the financial report that his action, and expect that his action, and the control of the control of the season. A nagging and the control of the control of the carry and the control of the contro

tonight on the beach after missing three matches and being pulled out of the England squad because of an ankle mury.

Fowler took part in an aftermoon training session at Sion Stadium after the Liverpool Party arrived at Geneva Airport yesterday. Fowler and the rest

retain their places in the start- won Serie A in 1990. Bigon took ing line up.
The manager, Roy Evans,

said: "We will wait and see if there is a reaction and then see how Robbie is. We won't take a chance with him and I will make a decisioo oo the day." Sion are still pushing for bo-

over at Sion two months ago and they are unbeaten since

then under his stewardship. He can call on the former golden boot winner Darko Pancey, but the striker has suffered from indifferent form and injury problems since mov-

e has to be spot on. He added: "I have seen Sion at first haod and this is a dangerous tie. We have got to be looking for that away goal."

John Scales will be aiming to make up for lost time. The 30year-old centre-back endured a frustrating time as the club reached the top of the FA Car- ebester United on Saturday.

coming oo as substitute when Wright fractured bis cheekbone in the first round, second leg victory over My Pa-47. And be showed glimpses of his best form in the defeat by Man-

looking on but Scales broke

back into the team last month,

Busst back on road to recovery

The Coventry City defender, David Busst, has taken the first steps on the long road to recovery after suffering a borrific leg injury against Manchester United six months ago.

Busst, whose right leg was match at Old Trafford, has started physiotherapy after undergoing 14 operations.

Yet Busst is sanguine about the career-threatening injury The specialist told me if it had happened 20 years ago I would have probably lost my leg. Quite simply, the technology would not have been around in those days to cope with the problem."

Busst has had his leg rebuilt by a plastic surgeon and is confident he will be able to play again, with April pencilled in for a return to training.

"I knew I'd brokeo my leg but didn't know how bad it was. Eveo now I can't bring myself to look at the incident on video or photographs.

The plastic surgeon had to rebuild my leg to cover the hole where the bone had come out. They had to cut away a lot of skin which had been embedded with all the artificial stuff used on a football pitch, to avoid infection."

Bussi says he has never lost the belief he will eventually play again. "I am an optimist." he said. "I don't think 'maybe it won't lurn out for the best. Football is in my blood and I just want to get back to fitness and playing again.
"But I'm told the bone will

actually be stronger than before as the metal pin inserted will stay there for life and will take all the weight between the ankle and the knee.'

Another player recovering from an appalling injury is the Wolves striker. Don Goodman. wbo has revealed that he risked death to save his career after fracturing his skull six months ago. Goodman would have had to quit the game without surgery, but has admitted that the oature of operation could bave put his life at risk.

The gamble paid off for the

player who scored 20 goals last season before sustaining the injury in a collision with Huddersfield Town's Steve Jeokins.

The 30-year-old Goodman bas played for the reserves wearing beaugear and can play he oced for after 27 October. Goodman said: "I doo't

want to over dramatise it, but the risk of death was there if I had an operation. But the skull had to be elevated and if it wasn't operated on then I wouldn't have been able to bead a ball again."

England short of scorers

oilt. Dille Remeth, will depend on overpower and rebounding strength when his team face Latvia at Leicester on 30 October, in the only Englishmen in the top 20 first of three European Championship semi-final round group games before Christmas, writes

Richard Taylor. The statistics from the first four weeks of the season vivid-West villastrate the effect of the exodus of several leading internationals to the Continent and the influx of Americans in the Budweiser League.

club, instead of two, has reduced the role of most English men to bit-part players in the League.

Roger Huggins, of Sheffield Sharks, and Crystal Palace's Richard Scantlebury, both in Nemeth's 17-man squad, are the scorers. Huggins is the only Englishmao in the top 20 rebounders, at 15th. Nemeth will look to the six

Continental-based players for points and rebounds, especially Steve Bucknall and John Amaechi, playing in Greece, and Spencer Dunkley and Ian Whyte, from French chubs, Bucknall is scoring freely but his club, The League's decision to al- Iraklis, have been playing poorlow up to five Americans per ly and have sacked their coach.

Bourdy in a big hurry Whitaker's mount, who is

Hubert Bourdy jumped a whirlwind round in one of the three vast and beautiful arenas of the Club Hippico la Silla, where he won the opening class of the International Horse Show bere by comfortable margin of 3.05sec, writes Genevieve Murphy from Monterrey, Mexico.

The Frenchman's principal victim in the Seguros Comercial America Welcome Stakes was a Merian rider, Alberto Harari, on Omnistrom Royal Moon, Next came the Californian-based trishman, Damian Gardiner. on the speedy mare Pinon Katja, and Michael Whitaker on this year.

only a seven-year-old. had cleared the fences comfortably before showing his inexperience coming into the final obstacle. "He began spooking and I thought be was going to stop," Whitaker said. But, against all the odds, the horse responded to the rider's urgings and got his stride right at the last moment to clear the fence. Dinky Toy probably lost three

or four seconds there, but he still would not have been faster than the flying Frenchman, who won three classes here last year. Bourdy was last of 50 to jump on Ursula de Clery, a 10-yearold mare he only started riding

McRae wins in San Remo

olin McRac has won the San Remo Raily for the first time. The former world champion. iriving a Subaru Impreza 555. real Carlos Sainz by 22sec in the remainmate event of the 1996 Aorld Rally Championship. The Spaniard, in a Ford Es-ort Cosworth, narrowed the

gap behind McRac by 10 seconds from yesterday's second stage but was unable to catch the race leader. The 28-year-old McRae completed the Italian ruce in 4hr 26min 57sec. Bruno

Footbell FOOTDASS

EIROPEAN CUP-WINNERS' CUP
SECOND ROUND FRIST LEB
Sion v Liverpool (7.0)
Other ties (Rimple Ljubjans (Sloven) v ASK
Aftens (S.0); Barcalona v Red Star Beigrade
(S.0); Gatassaray (Tur) v Pans S.-Germain
(4.30); Bran Bergan (Not) v PSV Endhoven
(Neth) (7.0); Fonentims (R) v Spets Pragze
(7.45); Mines (R) v AK Suria (Swe) (4.0); Bertion v Lokomotiv Moscow (9.0). Thiry, of Belgium, was third. Finland's Tommi Makinen, the 1996 champion, crashed out in the opening stage on

Yesterday's football

Aron INSURANCE COMBINATION League Cup first round: Swensea City O Bristol City O; Wimbledon 1 Portsmouth 1. Tuesday's football

Tuesday's football

UEFA CUP Second round first leg: Aberdeen O Brondby (Den) 2; Ferencyaires (Hun) 3 Newceste Ut 2; Borusale Monchenglachen (Ger) 2 Moseso (F) 4; Club Bruges (Bel) 2 National Bucherest 0; Dynemo Ibilisi (Geor) 1 Blowista (Por) 0; Espanyol (Sp) 0 Feyerhood (Nerth) 3; Guimariaes (For) 1 Anderfecht (Bel) 1; Helsinghorgs (Swe) 2 Neuchâmb Xamas (Swe) 0; Internacionale Ith 1 Casimo Graz (Aut) 0; Karisruhe (Ger) 3 Roma 0; Lado (I) 1 Renerife (Sp) 0; Legas Warssen 1 Beshtas (Kur) 1; Merz (Fr) 2 Sporting Lasbon 0; Schales (04 (Ger) 1 Treatonspor (Rur) 0; Slade Prague O Valencia (Sp) 1.

NATIONWIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE First Divisions Barneley 0 Outlord Util 0; Birmingham 1 Ipswich 0; Botton 1 Tranmers 0; Portsmouth 0 Wolves 2; Reading 2 Manchester Cay 0; Sheffield Util 3 Charlton 0. Second Divisions Bisochpool 3 Wresham 3; Bourmemouth 1 Phymouth 0; Bristol City 3 Wycombe 0; Crewe 0 York 1; Notes County 0 Chesteriol 0; Peterborough II Brentord 1; Rotherhem 0 Bristol Riovers 0; Shrewsbury 1 Gillingham 2; Stockport 1 Luon 1; Weisell 1; Fullyam 3 Cambridge Util 0; Hartispool 1; Swansea 1; Leyton Innert 0 Chester 0; Marssheld O Wigen 1; Rochdale 2 Lincoln 0; Sostonough 0; Kettering 0 Hedrissford 2; Marsheld O Wigen 1; Rochdale 2 Lincoln 0; Sostonough 0; Kettering 0 Hedrissford 2; Marsheld 2 Stalybridge 0; Fallord 1 Bath 1; Gesseld 2 Stalybridge 0; Fallord 1 Bath 1;

borough 0; Kentering 0 Hadrastlord 2; Mec-clastical 2 Stalybridge 0; Tallord 1 Bath 1; Welling 1 Hayes 0; Wolding 3 Stevenage 1. BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE First Division: String Albion 1 St. Johnstone 3; Audrie 2 St. Mirren 2.

St Mirren 2.

FA CUP Third qualifying round replays: Newcastle Town 2 Frickley 1; Bernber Bridge 2 Atherton LR O.

MCS LEAGUE Premier Division: Dutwich Hemlet 2 Hendon 1; Greys 0 Cershelron 1; Migstonian 3 Purifeet 2; Staines 1 St. Albers 2; First Division: Aldershot 1 Molesey 3; Barton Rovers 0 Welton & Hershelm 1; Billericey 1 Chestham 2; Hempton 2 Abrigdon Town 1; Maldenhead 2 Marlow 3; Thame 1 Wolfinghem 1; Tooting & Mitcham 3 Cerney Island 1; Whysileste 1 Utbridge 3; Worthing 1 Coydon 2; Second Division: Barking 2 Bracknell 1; Hungerlond 6 Egham 4.

gerford 6 Eghem 4.

UNSDAD LEAGUE Premier Division: Berrow 3 Chorley 0; Buston 0 Boston Utd 2;

Marme 2 Knowsley 2; Buston 1 Boston Utd 2;

Marme 2 Knowsley 2; Buston 1 Afreston 0; Spernymoor 1 Hyde 1. First Divisions Gretna 2 Workington 1; Henrogste Town 0 Lincoln United 3; Succisionidge PS 0 Maxiook 2; Whitely Bay 2 Fandey Cetts 1. Challenge Cap first resent; Congeton 0 Pikidon 2; Leigh RWI 0 Rescent Borough 0. First-round replay: Netherbeid 2 Lancasser 3; Worksop 5 Eastwood Town 2 (see).

OR MARTIENS LEAGUE Premier Division:
Astrard 1 Gravesend 1; Cambridge City 1
Baddock 1; Chelmsford 1 Crawley 0;
Dorchester 1 Newport AFC 3; Greekey
Rovers 1 Atherstone 1; Helsanders Town
5 Gloucester 4; King's Lym 2 Sudbury Bown
1; Numeston 2 Burton 1. Middend Divisions Biston 0 Stafford 1; Grantham 3
Raunds 0; Moor Green 3 Hinckley, Town
1; RC Warwich 2 Eventern 1; Strepsned
Dynamo 0 Sutton Coldfield 0; Stouthnidge
1 Reddfoch 1. Southerigh 1; Collection 2
Clevedon 3; Erith 1 Margate 1; Fisher 2
Waterlooville 2; Newpon GW 2 Herent 3;
Weston-super-Make 0 Charcocster 0; Witney 4 Fleet 0. Or Martiese Cup first round
first leg: Termorth 3 Bedworth 0.
FEDERATION SREWERY NORTHERN

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN 1 Morpeth 2; Tow Law 4 Shidon 1; West Auckland 1 Bedington 4. UHLSPORT UNITED COUNTES LEAGUE Premier Division: Cogenhoe 3 Wooton 0; Desbarough 3 Holleach 1; Potton 2 Wellingborough 1.

UNLET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE FIRST UNIET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE First Division: Pringmer 1 Saltdeen 2; Shoreham 2 Peacehaven 0; Wich 4 Mile Oak 1. John O'Harn League Cap second round: Portfield 3 East Preston 3 (set). SCREWFOX DIRECT LEAGUE Premier Division: Sridgwater 2 Bideford 2; Emore 0 Bunton 6; Tormgton 4 Chard 3.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTES LEAGUE Premier Division: Woodbridge 0 Diss 0; Wrothern 4 Wisbach 1, League Cup first round: Sweffham 1 Haddegh 2. NORTHERN COUNTES EAST LEAGUE Premier Division: Arnold 1 Armhorpe Welfere C; Belper 3 Gesshoughton Welfere 2; North Fertby 4 Thackley 1.

NOTED PARTIES AND AND ALLIANCE Industrial Revisids League Cop. first round: Barwell II Supervisi 2: Rocester 2. Bridgnorth 1: Willerhall 1 Krypersley Vosoda 0, Invitation Cup: Halesowen Harriers 0 Sendwell 2. WELSH CUP Second-round replaye: Brid grad 4 Havefordness 2, Bibw Valo 2 Portar-dawn 1 (act). PRESS & JOURNAL HIGHLAND LEASUE

Clachramiddin 2 Wick Academy 1; Lossie-mouth 0 Huntly 3. WILKINSON SWORD BRISH LEAGUE CUP First Glentoran O Crusaders 1 (at Wind-

Tuesday's rugby union WELSH NATIONAL LEASUE Second Oblision South Water Police 27 Aberavon 15; Porty pool 73 Yeardgy-last C; UMC (Cartiff Insti-tute) 14 Massag 22; Scrymaen 5 Llandwey CLUB MATCH: Octord University 18 Beth 35.

SRU UNDER-21. INTER DISTRICT CHAMP-IONSHIP: North & Mid Scotland 32 Glesgow District 21; Scotlish Edles 24 Edinburgh Dis-trict 19. TODAY'S FIXTURES PONTINS LEAGUE First Divisions West Brownish Albion y Leicester City (7.0).

> PREMIER LEAGUE: Ipperetry Swandon (7.30). GOLT: Toyota Wood Massipley Championship (Wentstorph)

SPORTING DIGEST

Sebastian Coe yesterday rejected the goomy predictions for British athletes after the fallure to win an Olympic gold and the salure to was an olympic gold in Atlanta. He backed young talent such as Iwan Thomas and Angela Thom to cordinue to progress, providing the sport does not neglect its club. I read we were dying on the vine in Atlanta. The former double Olympic 1500 metres champion said at an awards hunch in London. "The must more criticalistic and the said at an awards hunch in London." London. "I'm much more optimistic shout the future than that. Our clubs" about the future than that. Our clubs structure is the envy of the world." Coe, president of the north London club Haringey, was presenting awards for best new athletes. Thomas, a member of Britain's silver medal-winning 4 x 400m relay squad and Thorp, who broke the national 100m hurdles record in Atlanta, were world best track competitions. were voted best track competitors along with field events witners Deen Macey (decention) and Janine Whitook

Boxing Unbeaten heavyweight Hasim Rahman, 23, from Sahimore, won a 10ound unanimous decision over Trevor Berbick at Caesars Atlantic City Hotel

Wilfred Benstez, the former world welterweight champion, regained con-sciousness yesterday after collepsing on Friday. Benitez has suffered an inflam-mation of the brain for seven years. The first words he said to me ware 'God is good," his mother, Clare Benitez, said.

Cricket English cricket will face the future with a single governing body after the Na-tional Cricket Association yesterday effectively voted for its own abolition. NCA members agreed unantmously to fellow the lead of the Test and County tellow the lead of the Test end County Cricket Board by approving the establishment of an England and Wates Cricket Board. The ECB will come into being on 1 January after the NCA agreed with the decision taken last month by the ICCB at a state of the province of the ICCB. TCCB at a special meeting at Lord's. Warwickshire have made the first move to sign the England A betsman David Hemp after his decision to leave Glam-

organ. They are expected to approve

Warwickshire's formel request to talk to the 25-year-old left-hander when he be-comes a free agent on 1 November. Cycling

Eddy Mercks, the former world cham-pion, said yesterday he would guit as Belgian team coach and accused the Beigan team coach and accused the national cycling union of jedding professionalism. The made up my mind. Merckx said. "Lugano was my last World Championships as a coach." The World Championships ended last Sunday with a Beigan victory achieved by Johan Museeuw in the men's road race. "I find it difficult to accept this method of working units exclined union the lack growthing units exclined union the lack." of working in the cycling union, the lack of professionalism, "Mercia: said.

MEAN-TO-TIRRIN RACE (2006an sace): 1.0 Nardelo (8) 4fv 33min 37sec; 2.5 Zentri (8) 43sec behind; 2.1 Jacober (Fr.; 4 R Vienque (Fr.; 5 Charamente Marce).

(frit 5 f Cheagainte (tr) st. Equestrianism MONTERREY INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW (Mondoo): Segarus Comercial Amer-tes Welcope Stakes: 1 Ursula de Clay (H Soudy, Fr clay, 62.53eer, 2 Omnistrom Roy-al Moon (A Harar), Med class, 66,48; 3 Pron

Football

Burntey have signed the Australian de-fender Doug Hodgson, 27, from Sheffield United on a month's loan with a view to a permanent £200,000 dea a wew to a permanent 2,200,000 dear Stave Hodge, the former England mid-field player, is having trials with Second Division Bristol City. The 33-year-old ex-Nottingham Forest, Leeds and Spurs-player, had a short spell with Watford last season and trained with Aston Vil-ty divinit the summer but has set to

DUBAL CREEK OPEN TOURNAMENT Lauding second round scores: 139 J M Singh throis; 71.58; Choi Ngung-iu, 65 Kori 70 GB; Pritodander (Swed 69 70, 240 P Fowler Aust 70 70; Ne He Hen (Burme) 98 72, 241 G Honrafen (US) 75 86; J Famorian (US) 71 170; M Marriet (Sing) 70 71; K Wan-tee (S Kor) 69 72, 242 G Norques (US) 73 69; R Ponce (Ed) 71 71.

ice hockey NML: Tempe Bay 4 Buffalo D; New Jersey 3 Montreal 2; Chicago 3 Teromo 1; Delice 3 De-troit 1: Colorado 7 Edmonton 2; Los Angeles 3 Philadelphia 2.

Motor racing Alessandro Nannini, who will test a yesterday it was highly unlikely he would ever make a comeback to Formula One racing. The Italian, whose F1 career came to an abrupt end in October 1990 would hire him as a test driver. "I don't think my body could physically manage to complete the full distance of an F1

Rallying

Raillying

SAN REMO RALLY Leeding firms plechnise:
1 C McRee (68) Subaru Impress thy 26mm;
57sec; 2 C Sanz (50) Ford Escort Cosworth
+22sec; 3 B Thry (560) Ford Escort Cosworth
+22sec; 4 E Thry (560) Ford Escort Cosworth
+27mn Sec; 4 K Eridson (5we) Subaru Impress +2-44; 5 F Lox (8e) Toyota Cekca (514
+251; 8 F Carrico (ft) Ford Escort Cosworth
+3:44; 7 G Planazzela (ft) Toyota Cekca (514
+4:01; 8 O Aurici (Fr) Missioshi Lancer at
4:03; 9 A Medaghini (ft) Subaru Impress at
8:02; 10 P Bernarum (ft) Ford Escort Cosworth +8:02. World (Cassepleneship points
(after eight of nine events): 1 T Makinen
Fire 115; 2 Seitz (8t; 3 Erisson /7c; 4 McRee
72; 5 P Listi (ft); 4 J. World Marifacturers Championskip points: 1 Subaru 340;
2 Mitsubishi 304; 3 Ford, 274.

Rughy League Widnes have signed forward fan Con-nor from Swinton Llors in exchange for the Great Britain Under-19 Academy In-ternational Wes Rogers.

St Helens are hoping to sign the New Zealand Test centre, Richie Blackkeen to return for a second spell in British and Calaba has been depend and Britain and Saints have confirmed the est. David Howes, the club's chief executive, said yesterday. "We are in-terested in signing Richle, who has alent-ed several clubs he is available." Ragby Union

TUERDAY'S LATE RESULTS: CLUB MATCH:
Oxford University 18 Bish 35.
UNIVER: 21. COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP:
STRIGGSHIP 5 North Middlerds 37.
STRI UNIVER-21 INTER DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP: North & Mid Scotland U 32 Gias-

gow District I/21 21; Scottish Edies I/21 24 Edinburgh District I/ 19.
WEISH MICHONAL LEAGUE Second Division: South Wales Police 27 Abertavon 18; Pontypool 73 Ystradignase 0; UWIC (Cardiff Inst) 14 Meesing 22; Bonymaen 5 Landovey 28; Cross Reys T9 Abertymon 0; Abentitery 0 Brackwood 24.

SQUASSI
PERRIER WORKEN'S WORLD TEAM CHAMPROMSHEP (Maleysia): Third qualifying rotand:
Pool A: Australia: 3 United States 0, South
Africa 2 Georanny 1. Pool B: England 2. Naw
Zealand 1 (Eng. names first): C Jackman 1st P
Beams 7-9 9-79-18-10-9-2, S Homer lost
to I. Marsh 2-9-2-9-3, C Charman ist S Cook
10-8-9-1. 2-9-6-9-9-4; The Netherlands 3
Zgypt 0, Pool 0: Canada 3 Irolland 0, H Waltoc bit A McAstle 9-0-9-2-9-3, M Jans bit I.
Pringson 9-4-5-8-9-0-6-9-8, K Souchereau bt 0 Feerch 9-5-9-5-9-5; Falland 3 Maleysia.
0. Pool D: Scottland 3 France 0, S. Macrie bit. ratinggin 94 9-7 at 4-0 0-9 9-8, K Souther-ton at 0 Feech 9-59-59-5; Finland 3 Nationals 0. Pool Dt Scotland 3 France 0, S Nation b C Chattes 4-9-49-59-5, C Whedsteln I Stoert 6-10 9-4 9-0 10-8, W Mattend bt C Vegn 9-4

Tennis Germany's former Davis Cup player Cart-Uwe Steeb is to ratire from the sport. The 29-year-old, who has struggled with injunes in the last few years, has been given a wild card to finish his profes-sional career at next week's Stuttgart Open.

Sional career at next week's Stuttgart Open.
CZECH OPEN NIDOOR TOURNAMENT (Optimal First reason Moorn Tournament First (Optimal First reason Moorn (Cr. Rep.) to Own Scheepingen (Neth 6-3.6-4. G. Rusendon (Rh) to G. Bessi (Sant) 6-4.7-6; if Guarrinola (Rh) to O Muse (Rh) 6-1.4-6-4. Second reason: I Novak (Cr. Rep) b. 1.4 Univach (Cr. Rep) 6-4.6-2. In SISMAE, OPEN (Tell Alwh) First reason: A Costo (So) bit E Ren (En 6-4.6-2; F Maribia (Sp) bit 1 (syn) (Sp) 6-3.6-4; G Stafford (SA) to Dhenian (SA) 6-2.7-6-5-4; G Stafford (SA) to Dhenian (SA) 6-2.7-6, S Diapper (Aus.) bit J. Jonsson (SW) 6-4-6-7-6. M Rippon (Ung) bit O Nestor (Con) 7-6-4-6 7-6.

MARLBORD CHAMPIONSHIPS (Hong Kong)
Round-nobin, Red Group: PRother (Hust by Ykole)
rikov (Hust) 5-4-4-5-4-5, Shere Group, B Elack,
Zimb) to Gonnel (Nan) 6-3-6-4, Golf Group;
J Byrthman (Shey) by N Godwn (SA) 6-2-6-3.
EURODFAM BIDDOR WOMEN'S TOURWAMENT (Zunich) Second rounch M Hings (Swill
bx I Spatise (Rout) 6-3-6-3, J Novotria (C Rou)
bx 3 Schelt (Aut) 4-6-6-4-7-5; S Fana (b) bx
A Kournhow (Rug) 0-6-7-5-6-2.
TEXACO LAURIS CHAMLE PRIMER (Cardiff) First
TEXACO LAURIS CHAMLE PRIMER (Cardiff) First A Koumhone (Rus) 0-6 7-5 6-2.
TEXACO LADIES CHALLEMBER (Cardiff) First round: C Wood (RS) bt M Strandard (Swe) 6-4 6-2, S Switch (RS) bt M Strandard (Swe) 6-4 6-3, S Switch (RS) bt S Pozzers (Pen) 6-3 6-3, A Sidod (Fir bt A Fondoff (RS) 6-2 6-1, D Chiqallove (Cz Rep) bt C Lugne (Uni 6-0 6-0, W Probsit (Ger) bt C Taylor (RS) 6-2 6-3, E Martinova (Cz Rep) bt V Caugo (Hun) 6-3 4-6 6-9, M Daz-Obra (Jarg) bt M Isser (RS) 5-7 6-2 6-0, L Woodenfe (RS) bt E Jeffs (RS) 6-2 6-2; C Torters (Sp) bt E Kubkovskaya (Rus) 6-4 7-6.

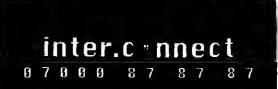
TODAY'S

NUMBER 13

The suitcases that the Brazilan footballer Romario brought back to Rio de Janeiro from Spain. The striker, who has fallen out with his club, Valencia, had to hire a minivan to take his luggage from the airport to his flat.

Take one phone number wherever you go.

Imagine a Personal Number that's yours for life. Wherever you go, your customers, colleagues and friends get you the first time no one number. Call inter.connect for details.





DAMON HILL: 1'm still flying. I haven't come down yet. I'm coming down in layers, day by day'

Beardsley vows to make amends

Football

Peter Beardsley is used to taking the plaudits rather than the flak, but yesterday the Newcastle United captain owned up to the hlunder that left his team walking an Uefa Cup tightrope and promised: "I'll put

it right in a fortnight."
The 35-year-old's peerless passing had propelled Newcastle to the top of Premiership at Derby on Saturday, hut on Tuesday night in Budapest Beardsley's sureness of touch deserted him at the worst time, as he gifted Krisztian Lisztes the winner in Newcastle's 3-2 defeat against Ferencvaros.

Beardsley was quick, however er, to come to terms with his inadvertent role in the matchwinner. "I was to blame for the third goal and I've got to hold my hands up and admit I was at fault," Beardsley said. "There can be no excuses for what I did. I made a mistake and I know it. All I want now is the chance to make amends and puts things right in the second leg."

While Beardsley's error was costly, at least he and his teammates returned from Hungary with the knowledge that the tie was still there for the winning. When shocking lapses at the

back let in Ferenc Horvath and Lisztes to give Ferencearos a two-goal lead inside 17 minutes, the Tynesiders' European dream was looking in tatters. But Les Ferdinand hauled the Magpies back into the game when he converted Alan Shearer's cross, and Shearer himself then found the target for his fourth goal in a week to give Kevin Keegan's men the priceless asset of two away goals. Ferdinand acknowledged the

value of his ninth strike of the season. "It was a very important goal for me, and prohably the most important I've scored since I came to the club," he said, "Certainly it made a hig difference to us, and it might prove to be the one that keeps us in the competition. We knew we had to try to score an away goal, and luckily we got two when we needed them most."

It has now been three goals in three games in the Ucfa Cup for Ferdinand this term, but the f6m striker does not entirely agree with the suggestion that the European business is an easy

proposition.
"I wouldn't say easy, but it's



Les Ferdinand finds a way through the Ferencvaros defence in Newcastle's 3-2 defeat in Budapest on Tuesday night

been good for me so far, and I hope that continues," he said. We made the sort of start you have nightmares about. You can't account for individual er-

rors and we got really punished. When we were two down after 15 minutes it was looking pretty grim, but we managed to stick to our task rather than get-ting blown away. We always felt we could score goals, and we managed to pull it back, although after getting ourselves back in it we're disappointed that we didn't go on to win it."

done if the Swedish referee, Leif Sundell, had not allowed the Ukrainian defender Sergei Kuznyecov to get away with a 90-minute display of wrestling and balking which left Alan

Shearer angry and frustrated. Shearer, whose mood was not helped by the last-minute offside flag that ruled out a perfectly legal equaliser, accused the defender of "being inside my shirt all night". Ferdinand, who received more than his own fair shares of hruises from Janos Hrutka before picking up a cau-Perhaps they would have tion, agreed with Shearer, com-

plaining that the officials had not applied the laws consistently. "He booked one of them ear-

ly on, but I think he lost his bottle a bit after that and decided he wasn't going to send anybody off. It didn't help when Alan's goal was disallowed at the end. He couldn't have been offside, because Rob Lee pulled it back, so there's oo chance he was.

"But it was given and now we've got a big test back at St James' in a formight. The good thing is that with the two away goals we know a 1-0 win, or even conceded that the former Ar-about our result is that we have 2-1, will get us through. I think senal midfielder John Jensen seen it all before. We flirted with

we all know that they'll come to Newcastle, put 11 men behind the ball and say 'come and beat us'. But we opened them up a few times and that gives us the belief that we can do it again and get it right next time." If Newcastle think they have

got problems advancing, then they should look at the dilemma Aberdeen have got themselves in after losing 2-0 at home to Brondby on Tuesday.

Yesterday, the Aberdeen assistant manager, Tommy Craig, conceded that the former Ar-

was right with his claim that Scottish sides are not skilful control but were never really in charge of the game, Brondby were teetering at stages and looked there for the taking but enough to succeed in Europe.

Jensen, now the midfield general of Brondby, hranded the Dons as technically inept and insisted a change in style was necessary to beat the best the Cootinent had to offer.

Craig, who is also the Scot-land Under-21 manager, has argued as much for years but knows it will take a fundamental change in approach to make that a reality. "What annoys me about our result is that we have of each half and paid the penalty," he said. "Those wounds were self-inflicted and, although our boys

showed honesty in looking for goals; there was a naivety that went along with that. We proved our football is not suited to Europe and we need to get the fine balance right between playing at home and abroad." More football, page 31

we lost bad goals just at the end

The League have declared their intention to seek an injunction blocking strike action, sisting players would be contravening industrial legislation.

Jockey power calls off Haydock

The E

plertainme vandarts when all-v

juse to

leconic.

prison

amp

Racing GREG WOOD

Trainers, owners and punters were left angry and bewildered at Haydock Park yesterday when a wildeat strike by 21 jockeys forced the stewards to abandon the card after just a single race. The riders, including Lanfranco Dettori. Pat Eddery and Walter Swinburn, felt that the track was unsafe, and refused to leave to the weighing-room before the Sycamore Nursety Handleap. Swinburn described the

ground as "atrocious" after riding in the first race, while Det-tori said: "I don't think it's safe and all my colleagues agree with me. The jockeys were particularly concerned that horses might sip on the turn ing the straight, but when the steven ards inspected the course as a result of their complaints, they decided that the card should continue. When the jockeys still

refused to ride, abandonment was the only option.
Gary Hind, who was due to ride Sparkling Harry, was happy to go along with the word of the senior riders. "As soon as those who went out reported back to us we decided that we should all stick together and not race. I haven't had a good season and this was my only ride to-day. We all wanted to ride but if it's unsafe why go out there and take the risk?"

But the joologys' actions, or in-action, did not please everybody. 'I have never known anything like this," Bill Nunneley, they stewards' secretary, said. "There was nothing more we could do. We will submit a confidential report to the Jockey Cluh and it s up to them to take the mat-

ter further." Anthony Cann, whose father, owned a runner in the nurse echoed Nunneley's frustr "It's just mob rule," he sai These jockeys are getting l footballers, they are just too (for their boots.

Since many of the jockeys h travelled a long way to rid Haydock and were giving up chance of remuneration, it to assume that their conwere genuine. Their dec may yet prove more costly however. The only recent pr dent for yesterday's events including Swinburn - refused to ride at Beverley. They were later fined between £250 and £750.

However, John Maxse, a Jockey Club spokesman, said: It wouldn't be fair to compare that incident with this one. We've not had the report from Haydock yet so we don't know what is going to happen."

League warns players' union against striking don Taylor, and his deputy, Brendon Batson, at a meeting we had a ballot five years ago has been taken right to the The Professional Footballers' from angry League officials, ballot oo Saturday will be tend to use it is another matter."

Association have been accused of manufacturing a show of strength that could throw the Football League season into

Pat Nevin, the PFA's chairman, fired the opening shots as the deadline for a ballot to take industrial action passed at lunchtime yesterday, but the Scotland and Tranmere winger tion. But we feel that the anwas met by an instant riposte nouncement of the result of the their mandate, whether they in-

No. 3120. Thursday 17 October

ACROSS

made waves (7)

cross over? (9)

18 Level trees cultivated

Don once more sup-

plies the remedy (7)

Speeded round lake and

Revolution reported by

ing stance over television cash is an act of hrinkmanship that could hackfire on the players.

The outcome of the ballot is entirely predictable," the League spokesman, Chris Hull, said. "The players, as an act of hlind faith, will give the PFA a mandate to take industrial ac-

THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD

who claim the union's unbend- utilised by the PFA as a public relations exercise. They want to flex their muscles and, as a result, the issue will be turned into

a media circus "But the PFA should also be persisting with this line of action because it could prove harmful for many of their members. And although the PFA will be given

USOPAE IPES REACTANTS

Union leaders expect to he given overwhelming support by their members as they look to secure the 10 per cent levy that has been traditionally paid to them from cash generated by television screening rights. The League have countered

that the old agreement is archaic in light of the recent £25m deal

of European football unions' in Athens, it was left to Nevin to defend the PFA's stance during an interview on BBC Radio 5

"A few weeks ago the Football League decided to renege on the 10 per cent deal. That money goes into things like the education fund, benev- the Football League will realise

on the Premier League, or Division One as it was then, we had over 90 per cent hacking. The players generally trust He added that the League

had made no moves to accommodate the players' demands. "As soon as we get the mandate, olent fund and insurance that we are not playing games

UNSECURED PERSONAL LOANS:

Look at what our lowest rate ever could do for you.

> You can take out an unsecured Personal Loar for any reason' with Hamilton Direct Birth and take advantage of our fixed rates.

> > A LOAN OF ELOSO

APR ² dentity county period Direct Name 12.9% 6132.26 56,348.48 Deploye Rept PLC 17.9% £143.35 56,880.80 \$522.3	- 34 PACE 2		AT TOTAL DE STORAGE			
Description 16.07		EXAMPLE	APR*		* COMMON THE	Save with Hamilton Direct Bas
TSB Burkglet 16.2% E140.63 55.750.24 5401.7 "The cares quoted are for new canoneses. Existing customers be slightle for a different zero. "Rates are correct as at 0.010. 12-9% APR on Learns from £5.000 to £10,000. 14-9% APR* on Learns from £500 to £4,999.		Handley Direct Back	12.9%	£132.26	\$6,348.48	
The cases quoted are few new cassoniers. Existing customers be slightly for a different zero, "lasten are correct as at 0.010. I LO S APR on Loans from £5,000 to £10,000. 14-9% APR on Loans from £500 to £4,999.		Beprings Beach PLO	17.9%	£143.35	.06,880.80	4532.32
12-9% APR on Loans from £5,000 to £4,999.		ISB Beskelet	16.2%	£140.63	46,750.24	5401.76
HAMILTON ADE	<i>D</i>	MILTON Nicest Bank	on Los	12-9% us from £5	APR' 5000 to £10 APR' 5000 to £4.	A FES
To have the manus to hand	# division	on of U FC Bank plo			~1	PK

E division of UPC Bank ple We have the money to hand.

QUOTING REF 93004/291N Typical example: If you betrow £4.000 over 45 months at 14.9% APR.: monthly repayment is £109.38 and the total amount payable is £5.250.24

Injured Baia rated doubtful for Barcelona

ably move forward into Leonar-

place and know what to do."

whelming Sparta Prague in their first leg in Florence. The Italians

have taken only five points from

their five Serie A games to date but their captain, Gabriel Batis-tuta, believes his side are about

"I feel 1 can make a promise

to the fans - Fiorentina and

Batistuta are just about to take

off and the worst is behind us

to recover their form.

defence at left-back.

Barcelona, resigned to losing their Brazilian striker Ronaldo for tonight's Cup-Winners' Cup-tie against Red Star Belgrade, now have a goalkeeping crisis on their hands.

The Portuguese international Vitor Baia pulled up in train-ing with a ligament strain in his right knee and is doubtful for the

first-leg match at Nou Camp. The second-choice goalkeep-er, Julen Lopetegui, is also injured and on Monday the reserve goalkeeper, Mariano Angoy, quit the club to play American foot-ball for the Barcelona Dragons. As a result, 29-year-old Car-

los Busquets is set for an unexpected comeback to Barcelona's first team. Busquets was a regular under the former manager, Johan Cruyff, but when Bobby Robson took over at the Catalan club, bringing Baia with him from Porto, the Spaniard slithered down the ranks into the third team. If he plays it will be his first top-lev-

and Baia arrived in the summer. At the other eod of the pitch, the Spanish international striker Juan Pizzi is set to replace Ronaldo, who misses the clash with the Yugoslavs because of a Brazilian friendly which has also deprived the holders, Paris St-

el appearance since Robson

Germain, and Portugal's Benfi-ca of their first-choice strikers. PSG will be without Leonardo, whose seven goals to date have helped them to build a commanding lead in the French

Brazilian's fellow midfielder

now," the inspirational Argentinian forward said. Batistuta missed a penalty in Saturday's 0-0 home draw with Lazio and says he has a debt to repay to Florentina's fans. "If we get a penalty against Sparta, I'll take league, for their first-round tie in it." he said. Turkey against Galatasaray.
"We'll surely miss him." the

The Nigerian striker Nwankwo Kanu will have heart corruption by a parliamentary surgery in the United States Vincent Guerin said. "But I next month. The 20-year-old

..........

think we have enough good players to manage without him."

Laurent Fournier will probwhich would be carried out in the next two to three weeks.

do's attacking midfield role, with Jose Cobos coming into the The Milan club, who bought Kanu from Ajax this season, had PSG are expecting a tough no immediate comment on the game in Istanbul's Ali Sami Yen report. The newspaper said Kanu had visited specialists in stadium, in stark contrast to their first-round tie against London, Amsterdam and the Vaduz of Liechtenstein, whom they beat 7-0 on aggregate. The Benfica striker Osmar United States, who had confirmed the findings of Italian cardiologists that he was suf-fering from a "valvular insuffi-Donizete - like Ronaldo, the top scorer in his league - missciency of the aorta".

es the Portuguese side's second-round tie against Lokomotiv-Kanu helped Nigeria to Olympic gold in Atlanta and won the European Cup with Ajax in 1995. He has vowed to overcome his heart problem, Moscow to play for his country. But the Benfica coach, Paulo Antuori, is unperturbed, saying: "Someone else will take his which doctors say may mean he will never play again. "I'll fight to the end before giving up," Florentina, the winners of the first Cup-Winners' Cup final in 1961, are confident of over-Kann said last month.

The player's problem was diagnosed in medical tests at Internazionale after he had moved from Ajax, raising doubts over the validity of the transfer deal. La Gazzetta said Fifa, the world governing body, had written to the two clubs arging them to come to an amica-ble solution.

The Australia coach, Eddie Thomson, has quit to take up a £260,000-a-year job as head coach with the Japanese J-League side Sanfrecce Hiroshima. Thomson will take up his new post early next year.

Australia's Olympic coach, Raul Blanco, will take over as acting national coach. Thomson was cleared in June last year of inquiry into overseas transfers of Australian players.

24 State gets unruly type the dailies? (8,7) Polish (and reportedly turned away (7) female) name (5) A deal of unity (9) DOWN 'Right' moralist's cut by 1 Unwinds with excess sleazy English (9) 14 Cry from leader of war 2 Nasty creepings inside are an increasing prob- 19 band (5) 15 A little beast – your setlem (9.6)

piece (5)

ter, that is! (5) Dear's preoccupied af- 20 16 Put faction to rest and

21

22

round Royal garden ar- 5 Frequent note, with

Dome inlaid with liberal gold? (5) Agent, Bond, cracked cipher ultimately (9,6) 23 Brackets the little man' puter (7) with social groups? (7) 13

ter letter (9) by short strip queen (5) Purgative girl's brought

Out on a limb? (3,6,6) Clumsy pest KO'd com-Settlers? I agree, taken in small measures (9) Employment figures?

15 Trying one's luck, or declining? (7) 17 Trained rude tot to behave (7) Frightfully gloomy English lake (5) Bachelor's captivated

tenor (9)

CPublished by Newspaper Publishing PLC, I Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5DL, and printed at Mirror Colour Print, St Back issues available from Historic Newspapers, 01468 840370.

المكذا من الأصل